

Wednesday December 30th A. D. 1829

The first part of these 24 hours commenced with a moderate gale and set the foremast & maintop sail at 1 P.M. Saw a strange sail on our larboard side at 8 P.M. Set the foremast & carried back and under S. S. W. and thick weather and blowing strong S.W. and middle part fresh breeze from the S. W. & at 9 P.M. turned out reef out of the topsails & got the "rough boat" on the coasts and moderate weather and winds from the S. W. by S. & the watch below & at latter part light winds from W. S. W. and Lull in by 11:30 South. Wind Log in 36: 30 West

Thursday December 31st these 24 hours commenced with light winds from the West. Cloudy hazy weather and the watch employed in Ship's Duty and the Carpenter employed in repairing a Stowen boat & at 4 P.M. Saw night whales & lured all 4 boats out. Did not get fast and they were a remarkable whale a White falcon and Larre on board & caught a porpoise & at 8 P.M. the watch let and carried all sail and blowing strong from the W. S. W. & middle the same kind of weather & at 9 P.M. the watch carried and blowing strong from the South and the watch employ in Ship's Duty at 9 P.M. drench the reefed topsails and fished the gill maintop & mizen topsail & and sounds these 24 hours with thick weather & strong winds from the North West rain & Lull in by 11:45 South. Wind Log in 38: 20 West

January Friday 1st the year of Our Lord 1830. So bless God to think that he has let me live another year and will praise him & bless him if he will let me see the end of another one. So the first part of these 24 hours commenced with cloudy thick weather and strong winds from the North and under sail Double reefed fore & maintop sail & foremast and lower reefed the maintop sail & squally & rainy Whales in sight at 4 P.M. fished the foremast & raining very hard all hands below & at 6 P.M. set the watch and raining constantly and light winds from the N. N. E. & Lull in by 11:30 South. Wind Log in 38: 20 West

Only a little but a faithful man. Providence more because I think of me he has let me live in peace & in health in strength and I hope he will see this year to come. but more frequently to recall or elevate and may send lifting up the soul in joy and comfort, and so it may be considered as an absence upon the former thought. Solomon in a beautiful and emphatical manner, describes old age as the evil days, in which there is no pleasure. The sight decays, the limbs trouble, the appetite is gone, and wearisome days and nights are appointed to them. Almost every aged person we see and converse with is a comment upon his words. The infirmities of nature come upon them speedily the senses grow weak, the active powers decay; they need the help of others, almost as much as in their infancy. Great Suck is the union of the soul and body, such the dependence of the mind upon the animal frame, that the spirit suffers by the flesh, and oftentimes the spirit and the faculties of the soul languish, as the bodily powers do. Their relief for company, business and pleasure is gone. But that is not the worst infirmities, for they find their thoughts continual, their affections to divine things flag, and they cannot serve God with such firmness of heart. Such warmth of zeal and love, as they have done. With what they hear and see quickly slips away; and their minds are not so easily impressed with divine truths as they have formerly been; In these melancholy circumstances, God will bear and lift up their souls. He sometimes, in a wonderful manner strengthens the powers of the mind, when the body is in the most languishing state; and they enjoy the light of his countenance, when nature is most decayed. Or, if they have not sensible manifestations of his power and love, they find what is perhaps a surer ground of hope, their purposes for God and his way more fixed, their graces vigorous, and their evidences for heaven clear. When the infirmities of nature, he will afford them the consolations of religion, elevate their minds above the world and all its low care and concerns, raise them above the trifles of earth and sin. Strengthen their faith in the promises, and enlighten the eyes of their understandings to see the rich and glorious inheritance of the saints, and their own title to it, and qualifications for it. We will make their hardships of confinement and afflictions acceptable, and give them foretastes of the glory to be revealed. In the word, they will find, as the Psalmist says, that, though their outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. And the first morning of it divine vision was. Let me remember that the best years are finished, and as you can say that you are to