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Cruising for whales Aug. 19th

Monday 19. Fine weather and a plenty of whales boat steamer. Must a large whale been chasing all day got 110 blubber. The whale struck us then good for the last 4 days which time I have been trying at anchor have struck seven 130 blubs and got 100 more on deck whales seem to be plenty now I do hope we shall get one to morrow.

Wednesday 21. Strong winds from S. E. bying on the stock 12 ships in company at 4 P.M. quite moderate wind ship to W. it is some fore to back that to my success. Rare luck have struck 3 whales this week and last them all time is rainy short and want 800 blubs of oil to go home this season but still living hopes to get it.

Saturday 24. Light winds from S. on the stock all hands employed in taking down oil having got 2 large whales since the 12th bying out more so oil have had strong winds from E for the last 2 days and rugged weather but have been quite lucky late by as well as luckily.

My suppose Lat is 68.40 Long 173.

Lat 68.50 Long 172.40 West

Aug 29. Moderate gales from N. W. bying to under the bay. Main top of ship 75 blubs of oil struck and 35 blubs in blubber room. My time, grass short but still time. I am glad that of the Cape Cod, which I think we shall have had good weather for the last week.

Middle and later Moderate gales and rugged commence bying but was fast by Goddard again 2 ships in site.

Lat by obs 68.05 Long by obs 173.

Ship's crew bying to under the bay. Main top of ship 60 blubs of oil struck and 20 blubs in blubber room to my success.

The good ship's crew now having 1700 blubs of oil on board having 400 more to fill we have great hopes to get it in the course of 15 or 20 days so must make 0 and turn in.

Mrs. Lantam Mahony Landsey has seen the ship but he can't stand it. I feel him to go on deck and cool it there.