Tuesday October 5th 1869

Sent down the Main topsail — Commenced with a calm, sent down the foremast and bent another and bent a fine topsail. & employed in middlestitching a foliant the Maintopsail

93 Weeks gone — Wednesday October 6th 69

Mr Hill or Spring should like her this evening, if not long, etc. We shall have a chance to get a chance — Light Air & calm, lowered one boat after [illegible] backs. tide to boat. Spring shot shot a bomb through the deck & exploded on the ship's [illegible]

A sperm Whale. Star two boats at 4 P.M. at 88.39 Long 179.37 Raised the spout at 88.53

Thursday October 7th 69

Commenced with light air from the N.E. & at [illegible] at 4 P.M. past noon 12 the [illegible] H. and raised a school of Sperm Whales [illegible] the Starboard bow about 1 P.M. lowered three boats. Larboard boat struck & drawed, we started off on the wind, after a while the [illegible] shifted to the eward. Larboard boat struck again & could have struck had no other boat near, but as it was the chance belonged to the Larboard boat & it was [illegible] & no one else) I got close Starboard boat, picked them up & brought them aboard went off and the Starboard boat struck and got close. Bow boat picked them up & came up. I not knowing who was [illegible] I left Mr Hinckley in my boat and chased on told Mr Hill I thought he had better chase on behind not meaning for him to come so far as I do lower him of the port for we both chased on I lost sight of the boat. I did not get near the whale. We lost the boat and everything pertaining to it with the loss of the mast. Then I had to take some of the [illegible] off the mast & fit the main boat and for advising through the Captain & Officers & order. but that is not the chief it is probably that he will never know the [illegible]

39.39
179.37 E

Friday October 8th 1869

Commenced with a fresh breeze from the E.N.E. — Running to the N.W. then S.W. and about 9.30 P.M. hauled in the wind on the port tack. about 6 P.M. Raised a sperm whale. lowered three boats but did not see him again. Some is of the opinion that it was the same one we struck while others think the reverse

Saturday October 9th

Fine weather all day. nothing in sight employed repairing & fitting a boat

Sunday October 10th 69

Fine weather & light breeze. steering to the E.N.E. Boarded a Topsail Schooner. Midge. five days from Auckland N.Z. bound to Tahiti. having a lot of Thief on board

Monday October 11

Commenced light breeze from the N.E. heading to the S.E. middle & latter part steering from the [illegible]

Tuesday Oct 12th

Strong gale from the N.E. all sail set. steering S.E. & E. Brownlee falling far

4 Weeks from Bedford — Wednesday Oct 13th 69

Strong gale from the N.E. & E. — quite moderate wind. Steering S.E. & S. at 4 P.M. hauling to the S.W. with the Barometer very low. the ship under a close reefed mainsail

Thursday October 14th 69

Fore part moderate from the E.N.E. under very short sail ready for a gale at 4 P.M. made sail. middle part strong wind & rough sea running. at 7 P.M. double reefed topsails & at 8 P.M. main sail & fitted in