

Remarks on board Bark Abicruising of Chatham Island Jan 1870

Saturday January 7th 1870

Sight six & calm all day. Sailed with the ship
Sailed past two sails in sight. Spinnaker hauled
to the N.E. hauled to 15 miles of water.

Sunday January 8th 1870

Sight in from the Ed. the sails in sight
about 11 AM. saw the Park M. in sight. The
M. hauled shortly at 12 AM. Saw the M. in
sight one along side of the Ed. two on our
bow boat went along side of one and the
boatmen (Koven) missed in coming
forward after he came on board. Capt. J.
took my boat about 6 AM and hauled
did not go right on the whale. I kept
ship. I have not heard now for the
third time if I do not hear of course I cannot
catch a whale. I know I can strike a whale
I will one more and then although I
acknowledge I am not yet on the
a whale. I being careful on a fact
the Capt. thinks I can't kill a whale
I hope I shall have a chance. I hope I
improve in I kill the whale although
get my boat gone to sea for it.

Jan 11th 1870

Monday January 11th 1870

fresh breeze all day from the N.E. saw
sail at a distance.

Tuesday January 12th 1870

Commenced moderate from the N.W. all
day sail set. Middle and latter part
fresh. Went over a space of ground but
nothing.

Wednesday Jan 13th 1870

Strong breeze from the N.W. on different
tacks during the day.

15 B. M. in the water

But Anderson in to clear the bay boat
to go. for the water
forward Jan 14th 1870

107 miles from
the Cape & having
high & heavy
fog. fog thick
foggy weather
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Crusing of Chatham Island Jan 1870

Thursday January 13th 1870

Fell part strong from the N.W. with rain
at 6 AM. the wind hauled to the S.W. at 10 AM.
all sail set working to the windward. Land
in sight about 20 miles distant I should judge.

Friday January 14th 1870

Commenced with a fine breeze and continued so
all day from the N.W. all sail set on different
tacks. Land in sight being on the weather beam
Spinnaker falling gradually.
Celia. Sometimes I feel almost discouraged. but why should
I when I have a helper who is helping me all the time.
that they cheer me up again. My reputation is at
a stake. I have been kept on board the three last
times we have seen whales. who knows but what I
might have struck one if he had let me lower.
the Capt. does not speak to me once on deck
I get often as that my feelings is much hurt.
he has told me I might have any time. I am
not a married man. I would have accepted the
offer long ago. I have been in hope I should get the
next whale and that save my reputation.
Some folks placed as I am would take to the Capt.
but I will not play safety enough for that I will
maintain my character. As I have said I get as the
my. I know I am capable of the best. I
ship for sometimes I hardly know whether I
am second mate or what I am. I am very
sorry for the Capt. to be so against me. I
am sometimes a mind to ask him if I am
to lower any more. if not I could tell better
how to keep my course. All I have ever wanted
was my rights. I had pay for my part of the crew
of all this disturbance I have killed whales and
can get it again if I have the chance again.
though I feel my whale I had ought to have kept it
good weather and by that a boat but in a hurry to keep
the chance myself to not using my head.