

but seldom taken as they show fight when approached. As the third officer drew near, the whales made an attempt to rescue the whale to which the second officer had fastened & several seized him & took him down, the boat being fast was also taken down & all the crew got a sea bath. The line was cast off & the boat rising all hands began baling with their caps & finally succeeded in reaching the ship, terribly frightened, their boat barely afloat & their whale lost, while the second officer was in this trouble the whale to which our first officer had fastened went into his "flurry" & while passing the third officer stove his boat & he had to make for the ship, which they would not have been able to reach had they been much farther off, about 7/8 the second officer had his boat to rights & went to assist the towing the first officer's fish to the ship when was reached about 10 1/2 one boat keeping the whales at bay while the other towed, the blubber was cut in to day & is to be tried out out to-morrow if the sea calms (it is now blowing hard & is very rough) & will probably make about 4 barrels. Capt says this is the first "killer" he ever succeeded in getting to a ship in 34 years of whaling. While the boats were off I was at the mast head & had a birds eye view of all that transpired. When the whale was in his flurry he belched like a bull & catching the sea with his flukes, boats & all were lost in the white water which resembled a streak of spray, as he flew through the water being 30 feet high & 4 times as long.

Tuesday July 5th

We have had very rough weather most of the time for the past 10 days & the air has

damp & heavy that it has been impossible to keep dry one hour in the sun, where the wind strikes you will dampen a coat through. It is now blowing a gale as it has been for the past 36 hours & no mast head is kept we are continually shipping seas which sweep the deck fore & aft, on July 4th the A.B. whaling bark, Edward Everett Capt Silver, 25 months out, gained up but it was so rough we were obliged to part before night-fall. She had taken 500 lbs sperm. we have seen sperm 3 or 4 times during the past week but covered no boats for whales. Thursday we took a porpoise & on Sunday covered to pick up a cake of palm oil it made one barrel looked & smelled like a pumpkin Lat 42.15 Long 34.15.

Sunday July 11th

This is a raw & equally day, though we have had a few days of hot weather during the week. We have been in Long 32 W all the week & in Lat from 50 to 40 N. yesterday the cabin boy & a boat steered caught 8 Skipjacks & one Albacore with a hook in 30 minutes the weighed from 8 to 12 lbs each & are just as good as shad, they also looked 6 Skipjacks which afterwards got away. Last eve a splendid bark passed us about 1/4 mile off she was a Mackinacian, splendid model, & heavily laden she sailed about 3 knots to our 1 & carried 24 sails while we only carried 8. A whale spout was seen 6 or 8 times this A.M. about 2 miles off, but no boats were covered.

Sunday July 18

This week has been quite warm & pleasant with light winds. We covered for black fish on Monday last, Tuesday, & twice on Thursday but took none, she began to drag to