

was going off immediately as he had concluded to come in a few weeks later for supplies it being rather early in the season. All on Board at 3 P.M. and stood away N. N. W. Saw a sail

August 4th



Commenced with fair but nearly calm weather. At 10 A.M. Saw a small species of the whale kind. Sounded two boats and shortly the starboard struck one which was killed and taken in making about 2 barrels. These fish attack and kill right whales and others kinds having two teeth for defence. At 4 P.M. Saw 2 sails one of them supposed to be the one we saw at the island where we lay. Lat 39° 40' N. Lon 31° 50' W.

August 5th

Pleasant but changeable island out of sight. This afternoon the Cook a white man whose name is Smith towards whom all hands have for some time cherished a dislike as he had turned out to be one of the most illtempered and perverse beings extant was sent forward after having been repeatedly notified of the consequences of his misbehavior and one of the foremast hands John Wood appointed to fill his place. I have had not been three

hours in the service when either from a want of the proper knowledge of the art which is here simple and easily acquired or the inclination to serve he was constrained to bid farewell to the gally before he had fairly won its acquaintance and Mack Williams is his successor who we trust will continue as he seems to be competent to perform the required duty.

Hope we shall have better duff in the future as we have had some under the superintendence of Smith that were so hard and heavy that they were much better calculated to whet knives upon than for whetting appetites. These we have once a week they are made in a tin instead of the usual way in bags. Lat 40° 00' Lon 32° 28'

August 6th

Fair and unchangeable. Several courses during the day. To save repetition I will mention here that when a vessel is on cruising ground and not bound to any particular place it is usual to shorten or take in sail at dark and set again as soon as it is light enough to discover an object at a short distance from the vessel. This is that they may not risk running past whales in the night and also to a boats crew watch easy command over