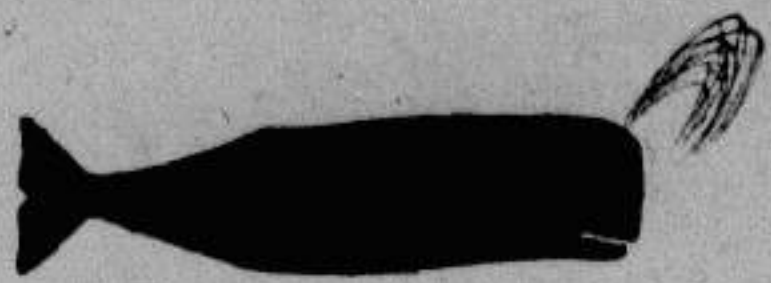


May 30th 1854

Still pleasant and trades light. St. Helena at noon bore E. about 35 miles. There is every appearance of good weather to night.

May 31.

Last night wind sprung up afresh and to day we have enjoyed a good whole sail breeze but have seen no other fish but finbacks. The phantom by trespassing on their grounds we have scouted a host of them. In the afternoon spoke and dined with the Bark Argo Capt. Cleveland of Dartmouth 542 tons. out 40 kls. 2 hrs. Got no news from her of any account.



June 1.

During the last four days the weather has been quite fair and generally light winds. To day we have indeed been fortunate. Raised whales at 8 A.M. lowered at 10. S. B. fastened to one at 2 P.M. Had good luck in killing him and got him alongside in time to cut the head nearly off when we had to secure it for the night. It is growing rugged. About sure to if we have a whale. Lat 17° 13' S. lon.

June 6.

Foul weather strong wind and sea very rugged. Made hard cutting. Bark rolling so badly however we finished at 2 this afternoon and are now boiling. There is no signs of any improvement in the weather. No obs.

June 7.

Gale continues. Under short sail and boiling. St. Helena bearing S. E. Made a sail at 2 P.M. another at 3 both merchantmen steering for the island.

June 8.

More moderate again finished boiling this morning and afternoon cleared up and washed off. This whale yields as about 40 kls. To night I am rather unwell have taken cold. Got no observation.

June 13.

The good weather which has marked the last four days still continues and all hands well. During the first part of this day we stowed down our oil and in the latter employed in lying off ship all round. For this purpose we leech the ashes made of the scrapes burnt in the ashes. It is of the strongest kind and if applied without diluting will take the paint off with very little rubbing. Lat 17° 13' S.

June 14.

Morning squally and some rain. Saw one sail. Afternoon pleasant and light air. Recovered of boat and fastened to 3 sunfish. Took them on deck and saved their livers for the oil. No obs.