

in hopes of being amply rewarded for the scene we have gone through with a good cargo of oil "here we are at last" as the actor says. demand of luck and scarcely a prospect of success on that part of the stage that lies before us. Still as something may turn up and as the poet says we "may be happy yet" we ought not to repine. However another anniversary of American independence, will not I think find as hunting for blunder before we have had at least one cruise on Yankee soil. Leaving light winds got up a top mast studding sail and tonight a good breeze springing up and took in light sails Lat $30^{\circ}32'$ Lon

July 5

Raised a sail this morning chasing whales. We run down and lowered away hoping to get a share of the game. While down saw another school but could get near none of them after they had been gallied by the other boats. I have been appointed to steer the ship. To day having had some difficulty with the boatsteerer we took from Mr. Heclena and sent him forward. So I took my first trial to day and prayed for a chance to strike a whale for the first time but was disappointed. Came on board at sunset and soon after gamed with our neighbor who proved to be the Bark Lady Suffolk Capt. Robinson from Beverly. Heats 8 mos 32 of B's fish and a small whale today. I went on board and got a little reading matter returned at 9 this eve. Lat $30^{\circ}54'$ Lon

July 6th 1858.

Eastert winds and strong, carried whole top sails during the first part. Saw the Lady Suffolk whaling again this morning toeward and run down passed one of her boats flying by a whale and they told us they had just taken a small one alongside. So that makes two today and one yesterday and faith they are in luck for they drift right on to the fish and find them all handy in the morning with out any intention on their part.

They have rather a rugged day for cutting but their whales are small.

This afternoon we double reefed and took in the sail jib and spanker wind and sea increasing. To night spoke the Schr Kienera Capt Eaton from Sippican.

Being very rugged exchanged but a few words. She did not report oil Lat $31^{\circ}30'$ Lon $52^{\circ}20'$

July 7.

Still laying too in a gale seas prodigious. Spoke Schr Attamaha Capt. Fisher of Sippican 2 mos no oil reported. The one we spoke yesterday in sight all day Lat $31^{\circ}28'$ Lon

July 8 Sunday

More moderate and sea going down. Wind changed to S. S. E. Saw B's fish lowered but got none Lat $31^{\circ}27'$ Lon $51^{\circ}58'$