

a slant so the iron only pricked him but didn't go in. This was the first lose one and it turned a lesson and felt confident though at as long a distance I could fasten at the next one. Being a long way from the bark and not knowing whether the other boats were still right side up we lay round in that direction pulled about 1/2 of a mile when we spied a fellow spouting right ahead and coming towards us. We met him head and head and I gave him 2 irons which he didn't relish very well by the way he kicked a flounder for a minute or less. He proved to be another bad fellow and after running us a little sounded and took out all our line just as the L. boat hove in sight having turned up the other whale. He came up about 1/2 a mile off and we pulled to him and gave him several good lances but though he went slowly through the water could not get our line because one of our crew neglected to bend on a buoy which would have floated it up. The boat reached us just before sunset and it was finely agreed as he the whale started off to the windward that we should get the dead one along side and make sure of him which we could not do before dark and trust to tomorrow for getting the other as it was thought he would not go far with the blood spurring out of him and a line in tow. The March has been in sight all day and took a whale from the same school as the Bark Mary Ann and Brig Leonidas

also came down about sunset and their Captains have just left us as we took our whale alongside. They are now gaming together close too. There are several other vessels I understand coming here to cruise 2 or 3 having done remarkably well here last year. Lat $6^{\circ}20'$ Lon $10^{\circ}00'$

Jan 17

Capitot weather for cutting and finished just before night - some firing wh. Several sails in sight among which the March not far off cutting. guess she got a large whale yesterday. No obs.

Jan 18

Chine. Boiling Saw one sail Lat $6^{\circ}27'$ Lon $9^{\circ}14'$

Jan 19

No change in weather still trying. Saw whales to windward lowered 2 boats but could not reach them. The Leonidas was seen maneuvering and should not wonder if she took a whale today Lat $6^{\circ}15'$ Lon $9^{\circ}20'$

Jan 20th Sunday

Still pleasant but rather warm finished hoisting this morning and washed off. The rest of the day we rested. This whale will make us about 80 bbls the largest Sp^t whale we ever had to deal with except the one we lost the next same day which it was thought would make 100 Lat $6^{\circ}37'$ Lon $8^{\circ}52'$