

Journal of the Ship Mary Fraser of
Thursday Sept the 31

1853

this day commences with strong
breeze from S.W. sundown moderate the Land
12 miles Dist. Mid part strong freshen Boiling
Later part light saw killers. Stowing Cab in the
After hold. This ends the day
Storing N.E.

Friday Oct the 1

this day commences with light breeze
from S.W. at sundown the same the Land
10 miles Dist. about were we took over last whale
saw nothing Mid and Later parts calm Stowing
Cab in the After hold. This ends the day

Lat 53 40 N

Saturday Oct the 2

this day commences with light Breeze
from S.W. sundown calm Mid and Later part light
Breezes from E to S Stowing Cab in the fore hold.
The Land about 5 miles Dist. This ends the day

Sunday Oct the 3

this day commences with light Breeze
from S to S.W. got through lowering Cab Braking
out pipe Shocks one apt in sight sundown the
same steering to S.E. the Whale has stowed 188 lbs
Mid and Later parts strong Breeze from N Double
sailed Topsails getting out pipe Hauls and scapery
Done Lat 53 13 N This ends the day

Monday Oct the 4

this day commences with moderate
Breeze from N.E. to E at 3 PM a Whale in shore
sent two boats in shore they saw three Whales
sundown they came on board light Breezes from
N Mid and Later parts fine Breeze from N at 8 PM
sent 2 boats in shore saw one Whale saw two from the
Ship saw the bark Java This ends the day

New Bedford Capt John Rouns in Chotik
Tuesday Oct the 6

1853

this day commences with strong breeze
from N the Bow Head went on to Whale and did
not get fast at 4 PM the West Boat struck a
Whale and saved him at 9 PM anchored in 15
fathoms of water about 25 miles from shore
the Whale alongside daylight commences cutting Later
part moderate Breeze from N at noon got
through cutting This ends the day

Wednesday Oct the 7

this day commences with moderate
Breeze from N got underway and stood in shore
at 3 PM saw Whales at 4 PM the Starboard Boat struck
a Whale at 5 took him along side and commenced cutting
Mid part moderate cutting at 3 PM got through
cutting came on a moderate gale from the N
the Ship dragged got underway Later part a
moderate gale from N.W. saw one Ship
This ends the day

Thursday Oct the 8

this day commences with strong Breezes from N.W.
sundown the same Mid part the same Later
part at daylight commences Boiling and setting up
pipe Shocks Working in shore This ends the day

Friday Oct the 9

this day commences with moderate
Breezes from N.W. to N at sundown light saw
Whales in shore the Land about 3 miles Dist
Mid part moderate Later part light sent 3 boats in
shore saw 5 Whales at noon came on board
This ends the day

Saturday Oct the 10

this day commences calm sent 2 boats
on shore for Water at 6 PM took the Water on
board sundown calm cooled down for want of bark
Mid and Later parts calm Boiling and Stowing
Down Cab in the fore hold This ends the day