

December 1785

Wednesday y^e 28th was Very Rough weather
all Hands Employed in Tying up our oyl

Thursday y^e 29th Rough weather, Still
we were Employed a Tying all Day

Friday y^e 30th we finished Tying and
~~blowing~~ blowing away part of what we had
got. Rough weather Still

Saturday y^e 31st finish'd blowing away
the whole of what we had got, and saw
whales plenty, but did not strike any

January

Thus Ends the Year 1785 all well on board
Thanks be to god who has thus preserved me
these sixteen months since I have left my
Family and friends, hoping that in my absence
they have been protected by his kind provi-
dence and carried through the troubles and
Antiques that attend this Life and that in
due time I may be permitted to Return and
Have the happiness of seeing them all bless'd
with a State of health & to be happy

January 1786

Sunday y^e 1st Early in the morning
saw whales plenty put out our boats and soon
Had the good Luck to Secure another fine
Whale along Side, good weather and a great
Plenty of whales all Round us put out our boats
again struck another but she Run so far
to the windward before we got her Dead that
we were not able to get her aboard
Consequently oblig'd to Cut from her, and to
Left her

Monday y^e 2^d Solarable good weather all hands
Employed in Cutting up the whale we had got
on Sunday, and finally finish'd Cutting by Day
Eight

Tuesday y^e 3^d and Wednesday y^e 4th and Thursday
y^e 5th Remained Very good weather, all hands
Employed a Tying up the blubber

Friday y^e 6th Still Remained good weather
all hands Employed a blowing away our oyl
which was Very Considerable for we had not
Left than one Hundred and forty or fifty
Barrels of oyl out of the two whales we had
Taken we fell in Company with a Ship
from France on a whaling Voyage Capt Coffin
an american formerly from Nantucket who
Came on board us and helped us to some Irons
and a Number of other Articles

Saturday y^e 7th Very good weather Employed
selv'd in R'fitting our Craft saw whales to
wards Night but did not go after any