

April 1870

Sunday 1st Have had a pleasant day but have seen
Lat 31. 42 No whales the wave is in light, is quite
Lon 43. 26 clear. This afternoon the wind has blown
quite hard.

Sat 2nd This afternoon about half past three, saw
whales and saw the boats from Wave
chasing them. and we started the boat

Lat 31. 30 and Starboard boats. but it was five o'clock
before we were near enough to shoot. so
43. 26 had time to get on them, it is now
seven o'clock and they have just returned
without getting near enough to strike, this is
the third time the Wave has seen whales
and have not yet anything. Capt Briggs
stuffed on board Thursday night until eleven
o'clock. When Mr Holmes went on board the Wave
Capt Briggs sent for a package of papers, he
had got put up for me. There is seven or eight
Harpers Magazines, and a lot of Naverals. I have
got a package put up to give him when he
comes on board again.

Sun 3rd

Have had a pleasant day. There has been a school of
Alborens playing around the ship all day. We have
Lat 31. 2 caught three. At five o'clock Capt Briggs came on
board and remained until nine. he brought four
43. 17 letters for us to mail for him at St Catharines.
Capt Briggs was not very well. It is communion
day at our church at home I must have to be
there. though absent in body, I am present in
spirit. and trust that those who gather around
the Lords Table, remember the absent members.
and pray for their prosperity and safe return.

Monday 4th Bright and clear

A pleasant day has dawned upon us and I
hope that at its close we may be rejoicing
Lat 31. 48 over a large whale. 7 o'clock P.M. This afternoon
Lon 43. 42 about half past one raised whales and lowered for them
but could not get near enough to strike. They seem
to be the same ones that we have seen before. and have been
about as much they are more shy. Capt went in his boat.

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Tues 5th The weather is clear with a strong breeze and
heavy swell. This morning saw a Merchant Brig.
Lat 32. 6 some distance from us. This afternoon has been
stormy with a very heavy sea and the wind
blows almost a hurricane, could not get an
observation this afternoon

Wed 6th

Say Mother this morning since we left A. B. and
they have passed more quickly than I expected
they would. yet when I think that I have not
heard from home in that time, it seems an age.
Lat 31. 58 We shall probably be in port one week from this
Lon 42. 52 home and hope a large package of letters and
papers are awaiting us, there and hope the news
may be good. This morning about nine o'clock this
morning raised whales and about half past two
lowered the Starboard, Starboard, and Bow boats
and they have been chasing them all day and
returned about half past five. without getting
nearer than one mile. it is hard luck. but we
hope to do better next time. Capt has been
in his boat, so the day has been a long one to
me. I have finished stitching such of clothes today.
Michael has been sick for a week or more, so we
could lower but three boats, as we have no second

Thurs 7th

Have had a very pleasant day with very little wind.
I have washed, a large washing, made a pair of
yellow canvas and done some mending, and now
feel almost sick. if I remember rightly this is
the night for our Annual church meeting for
choosing officers for the year, and the transaction
of any business that may be necessary. I sincerely
hope it will pass pleasantly, and that not one
word may be said that would wound the feeling
of the most sensitive. May Gods blessing attend
them and may all those who are elected
to office prove faithful to their trust. We
have seen nothing fresh, except two suits a long
distance from us. one this morning, another at five o'clock
seen from the Starboard. Michael is a little better. we are steering N.W.