

June 18/10

June 28<sup>th</sup> The current carried us out of sight of land last night we have been trying all day to get in and anchor but shall not be able to do so tonight, there is very little wind and a very strong current against us. I have been making another Brown Linen Suit for Lottie, have done all but making the buttonholes. My Machine is a great help. The Hanaka Boat-ties is better. Mr Palmer's hands remain quite sore. We have seen nothing today. I think the Whales are south of us and wish we could get back again.

June 29<sup>th</sup>

Anchored in lat 41° 16' long 111° 46'

I slept but little last night. I felt quite sick, and when I did sleep was troubled with bad dreams. But this morn was so pleasant I thought I would try to wash for Lottie had most all her thin clothes washed. I have done the washing but do not feel any better for it, and have made a large blister on my thumb and washed the skin off. So it is very sore. We got within about five miles of land and dropped anchor about ten o'clock this morn. in two fathoms of water. This afternoon the Starboard and Waist Boats have been down for whales. Saw two but got none. The Bow Boat went ashore to see what results could be got here, and returned about the same time the others did. Says it is a Slave Station, the Masters are fast in the country. They have with a variety of reasons they would like to exchange for cloth. Mr Lister brought back two game.

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Yesterday morn we raised whales and covered all but the Starboard Boat, and we saw them until ten o'clock and after that time they went to far from the ship to be seen. We waited and waited all night in vain, and at daylight hove up the anchor and started in the direction we had come from, about 11 o'clock raised one but

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that proved to be the waist, Mr. Thayer, he got on board soon after twelve, said the Bow Boat struck a whale yesterday morn. and all time Boats were around him but he did not die until one o'clock and they anchored him and lay by him through the night and the other Boats were with him then about twenty-five miles off. We kept on and soon raised the other two boats they had left the whale and started to find the ship. Mr Palmer said the whale was about eight miles off. We have been looking for him ever since but cannot find him, and it is now too late to look longer, rather an unprofitable job we are thirty miles or more from our anchorage with head wind and tide have worked back two days. Lost a night's rest. They had ten boats to kill the whale, three and a small anchor light or three fathoms of tow line several irons and a line, a bad beginning for the morn. But I hope and pray it will end well. Yesterday there were a great many whales around us where we were anchored, if we can get back there think there is still a chance for a good seasons work. Yesterday I washed my clothes and finished Lottie's suit today. I have done nothing but watch for the Boats and whale. I have felt very miserable for several days past and tonight feel worse. I have taken everything I can think of but as yet, nothing has had the desired effect, but I hope to rest well tonight and feel better in the morn. We are going to keep on short tack through the night and hope we may see the whale in the morn. if we do not shall star for the land and anchor again. Mr Thayer has just given me a Purple jay he has been chasing for me. I have a shell of one of the Lutes, caught last Sunday. Left is chasing it. I expect if we live to see have met our cottage on the Cliff, that will be made into an ornamental Basket for the front. Shall try to get a beautiful plant for it. Cook dresses one of the pigs yesterday.