

July 7th
Thursday
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I was sick all night so that I slept but very little, and have sat up but very little today. I have not had such severe pain for years. This morning three Boats to look for whales but they returned without any. Capt with his Boat came out ashore to get some vegetables but found nothing of any consequence, got a few grass a few very small onions one squash, five small chickens that were given to him, also eight Mts. made by the Indians from palm-tree.

July 8th
Friday

Wampack, 80 Mts.

This morning about daylight all four Boats were launched and soon after fastened to a large Kiamback and at twelve o'clock had dinner along side here at half past six have just finished cutting in. There was a number of sharks around while they were cutting. My health is better I must tell better last night in consequence of taking sedatives formerly, but tonight I am in great pain again I have been on sick nearly all day taking care of Eddie, as every one was too busy to look after for him. Mr Holmes first struck the whale and he also killed him but would not probably have been able to do so if the other boats had not also fastened to him.

July 9th

Wampack, 80 Mts.
I walked to the other 10 Mts.

This morning launched three Boats and not long after saw them chasing whales, and soon after saw they had fastened to two whales so Capt lowered his Boat and went to assist the others, with him. Mr. Lister was fast to another, Capt and Mr. Thayer got this whale along side about two o'clock, and then Mr. T went to the other Boats to help them tow theirs they got here about half past four. Mr. Lister was also fast to another but had to cut from him on account of getting the lines foul. One at seven o'clock have got Mr. T's whale cut in and will now cut the other, that is bigger. Capt is gone over. Mr. Lister has been better today have spent the day watching the whales and boats, and taking care of Eddie. There is many sharks here.

July

July 10th

Helene, quiet morning. would have been very inappropriate for my morning paper, we have scarcely had a more anxious day since we left home. The Officer and Men were at two tried last night so concluded to leave the boat whole until morning. so they all were up before daylight cutting it in it took them a long time Capt says it cut as hard as any he ever cut. About ten o'clock a canoe with five natives came on board. with Parrots, and a lot of Mats & eat they stayed until noon. Mr. Holmes bought a Parrot and gave it to Eddie, who of course is delighted with it. I hope he will soon learn to talk English. Eddie fell from a cask this afternoon, it did not hurt him much, but he as well as myself was badly frightened. Commenced fishing as soon as the last whale was cut in, but although the largest whale, it is good for nothing it makes no oil. I hope the others will be better. The Boats have not been off today there was too much to do here, an English vessel came near us and has anchored about opposite us but was too short.

Mon 11th

This morning launched three Boats, and Capt with what few were left were tried to do the work here. Capt went ashore this morning to try to get some men to come and stay only while we are anchored here but did not succeed. The Capt of the English Brig came back with him and took dinner with us. The Capt is a Portuguese, is a thin man, he gave us fifteen small cans preserved meat, Peas Beans, & 1/2 lb of Potatoes 1 of Beef, two Shaves, 1 lb Tail Soup and I cannot remember the names but there was plenty in all and a small can of Tea Biscuits. Capt gave him in return 1/2 doz Condensed Milk and a Box of Cigars. The gent that sent the Mats also came with him, we gave him two cans Milk a jar of Peas and Box of Soap. The Capt's vessel also gave us four Chickens and a very large Duck. George bought some Eggs of him, it is quite near eight o'clock the Boats have not returned, before dark could see them from Wampack towing a whale, hope it will be a good one. I am still feeling quite sick but have finished today.