

July 12th
Sunday

Steward's Mate's Working 38 lbs

The Larboard and Twaist Boats got to the ship about twelve last night leaving the Twaist Boat anchored by the whale, a long distance from us. This morn weighed anchor and went in search of the Boat, found it and got the whale alongside soon after eleven and then commenced working back to our anchorage but the wind being very light and a strong current against us we got along very slowly. We still drilling have got about forty blubber up. have thrown some of the blubber of the large whale overboard. It was so poor after boiling on it more than twenty four hours but got only twelve lbs of oil. The whale cut in two is a very nice one not large but very thick blubber. The ship is now the dirtiest place I ever saw, we have taken out so fast that there has been no opportunity to clean. I made two loaves of cake today, the first cooking I have done since I left home, they were very nice. The Capt of the Brig gave Capt Smith the egg I thought they were bought, but was mistaken there was about eight doz of them, I have packed three doz in salt to keep them a few weeks.

Monday 13th

We dropped anchor last night about half past ten yesterday we were near our anchorage but find this morn we are some distance from it, there is more swell here than there was where we lay before, so when the boats got up anchor and are now quite near them we are some, a little nearer the shore. The Officers and all have been working hard to try to get the blubber soon cleaned out. The whale that was so poor blubber and caused the other to smell very badly it has made us sick. Our vessel is the dirtiest place I ever saw as there has been no chance to clean up as there is the blubber of one whale and half a dozen casks of oil, and the oil has run out

of the blubber so it is frequently swept up off the deck they have now nearly finished trying the stinking blubber, and got the blubber soon nearly cleaned. The blubber on deck will not smell so. I shall be glad when it is tried out and hope we will get cleaned up a little, although would much rather have all the dirt we have now with the oil than be as clean as we have been for months past. I hope for the future we may not have more than one or at most two whales at a time.

Tuesday 14th

This morn secured the Larboard and Twaist Boats. While the seamstresses have been busy stowing down, trying out, cutting blubber and doing a variety, Capt has worked hard for a few days past especially today, have got the oil tried out, and are now breaking out water and stowing down what is good enough to think the four whales will make about one hundred and twenty five or thirty lbs. This morn four natives came off to help us while we remain here but we shall have them here when we get ready to leave. I have done my work for two days past except a little mending, the ship is so dirty that I do not like to get out any work. Lardier is in the midst of erecting as ship as a little pig, then rubbing around me, together with what I get from the ship, my clothes are too dirty to take any kind of soap on.

Wednesday 15th

The Boats returned last night, without having seen a whale. Capt and the men stowed down forty three lbs yesterday. This morn the Larboard and Twaist Boats, went down, have not yet returned. The four natives left this afternoon and we have six others. Capt has been working in the hold again today have stowed down about eighty lbs all that is good enough to go down. I hope by tomorrow night our vessel will be a little cleaner. We are all so dirty and it is useless to change clothing while the ship is so dirty.

Steward's Mate's Working 35 lbs