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The other Boats saw the Capt fast and came down to him and helped him to the ship. It is now seven o'clock and they are still at work cutting in, have not yet had supper. Thelie and I have eaten one and I have put him in bed. I have made a pair of drawers for Capt today.

Friday 21st

This morn covered two Boats. Mr Holmes went with his crew in the Starboard Boat as this is not quite done and the other one he has used a few days back. About half past eleven he struck a whale and it went as fast the Bow Boat could not get near him about twelve saw him spout blood but he still kept going and as he went passed the ship. About the Boats that soon reached him, and as soon as that fastened Mr Holmes will. I and the three Boats went to the ship and saw him alongside about five o'clock it is a nice whale. Shall not cut in tonight as we have considerable blubber on deck. The men are all very tired. Mr Holmes got lost quite early with his gun. This afternoon, his shoulder is quite well swollen. I have finished the third pair of drawers for Capt. Today, another came this afternoon.

Sat. 22nd

This morn as soon as light commenced cutting in. They did not trouble the whale until they commenced cutting in. I have put new backs to two calico shirts for Mr Thayer today. This morn another came off Capt purchased five more mats. The deck is covered with blubber and my ship. We are veiling out as fast as possible. The whale the Capt got was very nice oil. It will make about thirty barrels. The seals and the mink have taken about 30 lbs the

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Another Sabbath has gone. Now to return. It has not seemed like a day of rest all hands have been busy going out and coming down. I came home this morn with three men that have stopped the die and helped Mr Holmes exchanged his jacket for one that the crew brought today. Oh how I long for a quiet Sabbath. I feel very thankful for the success granted us the past week. But when Sunday comes I long for a good New England Sabbath. Should I be permitted to return to my home and again have the privilege of listening to Sabbath instruction. I think I should appreciate it, more highly than ever before. We have now about three hundred fifty lbs taken on this coast.

Sun 23rd

This morn covered the Starboard and Waist Boats. They have been chasing whales in sight of the ship all day, but returned at five o'clock without anything. The whales were all going quite fast and there has not been wind enough to get in them. Two whales came up quite near the ship and the Bow Boat went down twice but did not get fast. Capt. with what men are left on board has been stirring down oil, and breaking out water. Will finish strong down tomorrow. We got a bucket full of oil. I hope we may do as well this week. I have cut and made Sheddie two shirts today, and also cut a nightgown to make Amersons.

Sun 24th

This morn covered two Boats. They returned about four o'clock. Having seen several whales but could not get near them. I have made a nightgown for Sheddie Capt. has finished stirring down oil. We shall then proceed and party. The canoe that came yesterday left today.