

August

Monday 8th Have been boiling out. Saw several whales but all going quite fast during the forenoon. This afternoon, the S, L, and W boats went down. Silva having a sore hand could not go, so Mr Holmes took Michael the Boat Steerer and Capt. Cook Mr. Lisbon, & three men. They chased whales all the afternoon and caught at last had one but Mr Lisbon missed the whale. This morn another canoe came off, and wanted to stay to work. Capt kept out of them he had been here before. Capt. brought five more mats. I have felt sick all day long, and it not been for Shelle I should have called myself sick and gone to bed. But I feel so much afraid he will get hurt, that as long as I can possibly keep up I have to to watch him. He has not a particle of fat of anything.

Tuesday 9th

Have been shoring down. Have not covered the boats today, so Mr Holmes has worked in the hold, and Capt on deck have shored down about seventy ribs. I have commenced knitting a pair of stockings for Shelle but because he needs them but because I was out of work. This morn saw a decomposed seal swimming from us among the other way.

Wednesday 10th

This morn have anchored and have been looking to the south, are now anchored opposite Mr Long's settlement. We have been anchored once before in the same place. This afternoon before we anchored saw whales near the ship and covered the S and W boats but they returned without having taken anything.

Thursday 11th

This morn all four boats went down. Mr Holmes and Lisbon changing Boatsteers, on account of Silva's hand being so sore he could not handle the lug sail. They have been chasing whales all day. Saw after dinner the Larboeul boat fastened to a whale near the ship.

At some distance to the same one, and he was stuck of at Rindraet point, for a short distance. The Waist Boat fastened not long after and they were all torn off shore at five o'clock they were just disengage from the top of the house. Mr Cooper, Stenault, and three Spanish, green dutchman, and that but not least Mr. Poyer who was sick this morn and unable to go in the Mates Boat, those one too and started for the boats and the Starboard boat we have just taken up the others are some distance off. With the whale I suppose. I have not yet seen the Capt. to ask any questions. A canoe came off this morn. Capt brought four chickens, some Flamin red and a few sweet potatoes. After the Capt went down in the boat I bargained for a Paroquet they brought off, it is very pretty. Shelle is in bed but not asleep. I wrote part of a letter to Annie last night it being Shelle's birthday. I thought I would let her know it was not forgotten by me. I have three little baby but watch the boats it has given me a severe headache. I washed yesterday a few clothes for Shelle and have washed them today. I shall be glad when the Hempback season is over. I do not like it at all.

Hempback 35 Hls

Friday 12th

The boats did not all get on board until about eight o'clock this morn. The Mate came on board soon after the Capt and all hands were up the most of the night the Capt did not sleep. There was a strong current against us. The Boat Boat left the whale with the Waist Boat and came on board about five this morn. I went to bed but did not sleep much. The whale is now cut in, and the most of it cut ready for the Mining Machine. We have worked back near the place we left and dropped anchor at 6 P.M. The whale is a large one, and looks good, there is still more to be taken.