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Friday 26th commenced sailing this morn, and will finish about ten this eve, it makes but little at the Starboard and then beats back down again but saw only a few whales and got none. The Linton got another today. The Globe is sailing but do not know what she has got. one of our biggest commenced beating today. We have had an unpleasant day, with a strong breeze, it has rained some and very foggy all day so we can see but a short distance. This afternoon saw two whales near the ship and lowered the boat but the smoke from the works galled the whales so the boat could not get near them.

Saturday 27th I have finished Eric's shirt suit. The boats have all been down. We went this morn and this afternoon the Capt and this boat went in shore fishing and saw whales and chased them. Mr Holmes went near enough to one but the boatmen did not shoot. Several from the Globe they have seen very unfortunate have struck the cow whale one stove a boat killed one man and severely injured the boatman. The other whale was badly eaten by the sharks. The Linton has taken two small whales.

Sunday 28th

See the boats have been down all day chasing whales they were very shy so a boat could not get near them. Except a cow and calf. The Mr Holmes went along side and the boatmen missed again. it is strange for he has been one of the best boatmen we have and has struck the most of our whales. We have been having very bad luck. but hope it will soon change. Oh for a quiet Sabbath. Sunday is very troublesome when the boats are all down, and I have no time to read: a meditation. When all the boats are down there is only the Steward, Cook and a sick man left.

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Monday 29th

This morn all the boats went down again, have returned again clear have seen but few whales and all going very fast. The Linton came up and anchored near us Capt Snell is now on board and Mr Holmes is on board the Linton. Their boats have been down but were no more successful than ours. I have commenced making a large sail for the Starboard Boat, as Capt Lt Mr Holmes has bid it is to be made with double room it will take a long time to make it. I could not do it on my machine but Capt. prefers I done by hand. The sick man on board the Linton is improving, ours remains about the same.

Tuesday 30th

Capt Smith & Snell agreed to make and the Linton Capt Snell came on board. he chased three boats and we three. Both Capt went down afternoon in their boats. Capt Snell fastened to a large line but the line felt and he lost him. The boats have been chasing whales all day just before dark seen a boat fasten to a whale and soon after five other boats got to him and we think they were fast to two whales but could not tell certainly as the weather is not clear and they were about four miles from the ship. Capt Snell sent his boat to help them and he came on board in the Starboard boat. I call out these whales were the next at his back. They have got cut and cut in and are waiting for the boats as there is a strong current. We have a favorable current think they ought to be far down. I have spent the day making on the sail, and watching the Linton and boats.

Wednesday 31st

This morn both boats lowered our boats Capt Snell with his boat came on board to help cut in the whale. They got it alongside about half past twelve last night. he had not been on board long when we saw the colors on his boat at