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Jan. 8th The fall week had pleasant weather the
to first part. On Friday had very strong
weather, the wind blew hard but it was
done before since we left home, but our
38.12 vessel behaved splendidly, and we entered
Long 9.42 the gale without damage. Laying here to wait
a goose winged Murre. There has been
a heavy swell on since but is better
now. We are now heading to the east again
having been as far west as Wainwright and
Lynn cutting. During this week have been at
work on a pair of shippers for Father has
finished one and worked the figures on the
other

Thurs. 12th This morn made the Island of Griston December
passed between Griston and Inacessible and
got off Griston Sunday, about noon. When we
saw the Lacharab and two boats the
go fishing. Mr Holman went on shore, and
returned with water of the Island there. He had
been running during the afternoon and got
quite a nice lot of fish. Capt Smith had engaged
a Bullock, and some Potatoes that are to be brought
off tomorrow. I had a pressing invitation to go
on shore, but the landing is not very good and
I shall not go. I have that a boat was run
downed here only one year ago. While trying to land
and it broke in pieces about noon. I have
finished Father's shippers today and tomorrow
a pair for Charlie.

Friday 13th This morn saw the Lacharab and two boats
to Griston, about noon Capt set out for their return
they got on board about one o'clock with a fine
lot of fish. Soon after their return, Capt Smith
in the Iron Boat, and the Point boat and crew
went on shore. They brought off about fifty bush
potatoes, and the bullocks. Some butter, etc. and
beats from the shore some milk in the form, and
a number of the iron shippers to the land. They did not
get on board until about eight o'clock. One of the
boats brought off a basket, with a few small berries

Strawberry Tomatoes and light eggs, but they do
not believe in giving anything away. Here from the
gray they brought to me a few small potatoes
for a present. But soon discovered my mistake,
and according shall have to split the basket to each.
We shall get very tired. Charlie was troubled with
headaches last night, so I did not rest myself.
The morn the boats came off bringing more
Potatoes or "taters" as they call them, and to get
their pay. They do not want money, they would
prefer all flour but as we could not spare so
much they were obliged to take something else.
They took some clothes from the ship's chest and
some cloth. We have got for last Potatoes,
Colts Butter. 764 lbs Beef, and left about
noon about 10. The people here reported that
Kantler, left here Monday last nothing since
we last saw her. He reported the Griston with
one small sperm whale. Captain, 100 sperm. 100 sperm.
The Captain Capt Latham, who has his wife
and child with him were here last week. Mrs L
is in fair health and does not enjoy life on
the sea very much. The Capt has suffered lately
last. The Island of Griston is a rough looking
one. on the north where the houses are situated
the cliff rises a thousand feet perpendicular
above the level of the sea, a stream of
water runs down in one place, and forms
small cascades near the base. Where these in
need of fresh water can get a supply. The highest
part rises in a conical form near the center.
four thousand three hundred and seventy feet. The
summit is covered with clouds except before
a storm when the clouds disperse, and
the summit can be seen clearly. This is the
highest land I have ever seen. There are twelve
families living on the Island, one of them an
American Whaling Capt. Higgins. & was a native of
New London Conn. On account of his wife was in debt
there he would not return home, but remained on this Island,
about three years since, and has two sons and one daughter.