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Friday 26th The S. W. & P. Boats have been down but
nothing. I have made a calico skirt
for myself and cut a Tremine skirt for
Geo. and partly made it.

Sat. 27th This morning took up anchor and started
off shore. but the wind being very light did
not get along but slowly. Saw a Humpback
Boat and Mr. Holmes went on board &
the Capt said he saw a Humpback this
morning. The Capt sent us ten oranges. The
Mate of the Abbott Lawrence, came on board
and they killed a whale. Night before last
saw near the Brig immediately after
dinner raised two Humpbacks and saw
three boats. Mr. Holmes got to him and
darkened and went to him. The whale
escaped but was bleeding badly. So we
are back again and anchored near the
place we left this morning. I have finished
Geo's skirt and worked a little on my slipper.

Sun 28th Another Sabbath day is here. Another Sabbath
passed with those gone before. I do not
feel satisfied with the way it has been
spent though far from home. and when we
cannot have the privilege of meeting in a
place consecrated to the worship of our kind
Heavenly Father. yet to me it seems being
to spend the Sabbath like other days.
Land is just as near as the sea as on
the sea and is just such to see the
eyes of his children. This morning the S. W. & P.
Boats went down. The Bow Boat struck
a small Humpback. The two of them and
went around them but the wind being
very light we drifted in shore. but went
towards the boats and they went towards
us and at one o'clock the two boats along
side. after dinner the S. W. & P. Boats went
off again. The Capt with a number of officers
and crew have got the whale cut in and
we are now back again and anchored. The
boats have not yet returned.

Mon 29th We were up until after ten last in looking
for the Maist Boat and left the Bay light
burning all night early this morning sent down
the S. W. & P. Boats to go to the light and
see if the Maist Boat was there. and if not
to go to look for it. but we saw from the
light. The Maist boat came to meet the
others and then went with them to look
for whales. They have returned but saw no
whales. Mr. Brightman says he thinks he
must have seen fast and it being so near
light could not see the signal lantern
he went back and found the light and
went on board and shipped the night
was weather very fine. George and I
could sleep much last night. I felt
very anxious. I feared the boat was up fast.
I have cut and made a Tremine skirt
for Geo. and worked a few stitches on
my slipper. The Capt with his boats came
and Mr. Kuper commenced being out
this afternoon. Will finish tonight in
the old watch. that is the signal.

Tues 30th This morning spent some time trying to select
Josh but did not succeed. This afternoon
have been working on my salt dress. that
the S. W. & P. Boats have been looking for
whales have returned without seeing one.
Capt has been with his boat to the light
but it was so rough he could not land.
was hoping to get some fruit there.

Wednes 31st Another day has passed and we have
no more left. The S. W. & P. Boats have been
down all day. have just returned. The Abbott
Lawrence has up anchor this morning. has gone
further up the coast. I have finished the
skirt of Geo. except the hemming. Have
been giving several times today I caught
one lamp Geo caught four. so this is some
bit better. I will now try to write to him.