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Sunday 6th This morn lowered three Boats, Mr Holmes and Mr Brightman had a little disturbance yesterday, and Mr Brightman said he did not want to go down with the Holmes again yet if Capt Smit go he would do so, there is no one that can get along with Mr Holmes. Capt attaches to Mr Holmes to Mr Brightman, he has been very patient and here more than many would have done. Soon after they lowered the second whale and gave chase, but there was no result this morn he could not get to them. Mr Holmes caught a green turtle and came alongside to bring it, and had got but a short distance from the ship when we raised two whales. Made signals. Mr Holmes gave chase and soon fastened, as soon as he was fast Capt went down to the whales and along close to the ship with the two boats in tow so we had a fine chance to see them. Capt nearly killed the whale then cut from him and tried to fasten to the other, but it being so near night, this part lay long, but returned to the ship and finished the whale. Set signals from the ship for the other boats, and when they came sent them to the first one, they got the whale alongside at about ten o'clock.

Sunday 7th This morn lowered two and raised boats. Remember cut in the whale. It was a very large one the thickest blubber we have seen this voyage. finished cutting at 1/2 past twelve. I spent the forenoonlicing Shucks. Caught one with a hook. There was a great quantity around the whale. This afternoon have been sewing on a pair of pants for Dr. Miller. Boat returned tonight without a whale. have seen three but could not get on them. The Starlight passed to the south of us this morn. Glue also.

Monday 8th Lowered the two and raised Boats, this morn they have returned, without a whale. The Drake and Grace were some of the boats anchored tonight ten or twelve miles south of us. finished cutting out about half past eight. I have finished Dr. Miller's pants. It is ^{the} ^(2nd) ^{day} years today since we sailed in the Champion. Being you with a sick child and my health not good, I feel very thankful that I am now with you. I am far happier than I could be at home alone.

Tuesday 9th All four boats have been down three have returned. Mr Holmes is still about but was seen coming towards the ship before dark it is now too late to see him even if he were very near. As they did not see any whales this morn and the Drake coming along, Capt went on board there to get some lumber &c. there he was intending to purchase a Capt Small came alongside with a quick as copper raised whistles took the lumber on deck and went after them as fast as possible but the whales were going so fast could not get to them. The Drake and Grace are anchored near us. the Drake's boats got a very small whale this afternoon there was a boat came alongside and I hear Capt Small said I have made another shirt for you for the tuck, of striped flannel. The Drake lost two men at Halibut they were lost.

Wednesday 10th Capt Porter came on board this morn. had been here but a few minutes when his boat fastened to a whale and he went about his work got some weight, then cut the whale in the Drake got much away this morn. anchored near the Drake while they were cutting in

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