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Wednesday 30th - About ten o'clock last night Capt Russell of
Brig L H Moore came on board. He was looking
for the whale. But just before he was about
a sunset, Mr. Buckman told him we had seen
them in company with one just at a whole. The
boat of the Brig struck the whale it started
off. The second boat was trying to
get to him but the whale went faster than he
could. He saw him go towards Mr. Holmes
and Mr. Lichen then saw one boat assisting the
whale while Capt Russell was talking with
Mr. Brightman saw two boats coming toward
the Mr. Holmes and the boat of the Brig, and
the then learned the particulars. The whale
fastened to the whale and got his back
shown, and when the whale turned them round
to Mr. Holmes he asked for assistance
saying they would give no help if they got
it. As our boats helped him the whale, and
then left their second mate. What got to them for
the whale was dead and was now dead with
the whale but had sunk in eight or ten fathoms.
With the shown back on the bow boat came
and the main engine started it up to try
could get it on board, and saw her in for
whaling, for a while, Capt Russell returned to his
and went down to the whale. He got it up
and are now cutting in our fore boat is
still there helping other boats have been shown
have chased several whales but they were all
going fast. Capt went alongside the Brig and
offered to assist them in cutting but the
offer was declined. Capt thinks it will be
sunk deep or more. He is better today but
still has a bad cold. I have been spending
my evening
and catching.

Thursday 31st - All your boats shown how we went from the Brig.
Mr. Holmes struck a whale but went him a long
distance off shore, all our boats and two from the Brig
went to the ship got him up. The whale went fast
it was alongside, when they got it up and had

Sept 1st

After supper I was put to in the moon. Capt Russell
stayed until daylight. was obliged to make with
them as the whale was taken while they were
pulling out the other I had the day repairing
clothes for him, and getting

Friday 1st - Out in the whale this morning and commenced
feeding immediately. The third mate and his
crew from the brig assisted us. Capt Russell
came on board this afternoon at nine o'clock
has just left. He says the whale he said has
backed but about 85 fathoms. The blubber has a
great deal of water in it. I have felt sick
nearly all day on account of being up all night
have been spending old clothes the Sir and Ben that
have been shown have been nothing.

Saturday 2nd - Sailed the Sir and Ben boats, then Capt went
on board the Brig to check the oil. The
went with him, returned about noon and shot
immediately in pursuit of whales, all returned as
they went. I have been working on my trip.

Sunday 3rd - Capt Smith and Russell have been ashore
trying to get fresh provisions if possible. Did
not expect to stop long. When they went away
but were gone all day. I got very nervous and
anxious before they returned. A canoe came off
this morning and brought a few eggs and bananas.
The Capt got a few other plantains. We bought
several cucumbers a bunch of melons. Two birds of
the Hippopotamus, an Elephant's tusk, taken
from the dead animal, called that ivory and
three snakes preserved in liquor, and a cup
made of stone vessel. The English Agent returned
with Capt Russell and expected to pass the
evening here, but did not come. Mr. Holmes
fastened to a large whale this afternoon has
just nearly been hoisted when the cross chain
and lost the whale. Our Commission Sabbath
oh what a Sabbath it has been here. I hope
not many years hence we may be where we
can meet our loved ones, and that I may
again sit with my father and sister around the table.