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Feb 16th This morn got the whale up and alongside the Sharks hull. Capt. Cates bin back, after getting him to the ship. The Sea and Ben boats went off after whale, remarks of ship's company cut in and out up the whale. Capt. Cates last night the whale had been struck before as there was an ism in him. It proved to be the one Mr. Holmes struck last Tuesday. It is a good whale. After cutting in took anchor to go in shore, but the wind died away and we had to anchor again some distance from shore as we were to. I here finished by dusk. put a new back to a great for Sea, and done other business. This morn while they were sitting I caught one very large fish, and catch caught three others. I also killed six sharks. The boats returned as they went. The Lieutenants struck a whale. But the crew drew. he had Antonio Marmel. one of his boats crew for Bealatered. today.

Jan 17th Dismantled the Sea and Ben boats then took up anchor to work in shore. but have had no wind. This afternoon Mr. Holmes struck a large whale after the fastest Capt. and United Boats went down. Capt. killed the whale then came on board to take care of the ship. The other boats commenced towing but got but a short distance when the whale went. They have been trying to sink him, but it did not work. We are anchored near Mr. Holmes is going by the whale. A canoe with four of the Russian Naturalists' Slaves came off to us this afternoon brought a letter from Mr. Schells. he sent us a pair of ducks and a Gull. wanted Capt. to send him some whale meat. but we had none to send. We sent him some Cracking, Tea and Sugar. The canoe will stop all night. it is too far for them to go. The Capt. is laid up with sore eyes, one man (Mr. Carter) present is sick.

After lunch. Sea and Ben boats back.

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Many many times today have I thought of my beloved Mother. but she been living she will have been fifty three years old today. I wish I could see and converse with her yet I would not recall her. She is safe across the river. Where season and fair can never reach me. My earnest prayer is that I with each and every member of my family may be prepared to meet her, and when we shall come may be as well prepared and release the messengers of death as she did.

Monday 18th This morn tried again to get ism into the whale but did not succeed. then put on a barrel for buoy all the boats came on board. but an early dinner. then came the Sea and Ben boats. They have returned, they saw a cow and calf. but did not get them. This afternoon got under weigh intending to make nearer the Lurken whale. Capt. thought the barrel had moved. sent the boats back there found the sharks but later off the line. there was a large sluck and another was no lines to the whale. thought it was to try to save my as there is a great many sharks around the place and if they have not already taken up the whale they will probably do so before it will come up. We have therefore gone in shore and dropped anchor. Canoe left this morn. I have much and cut out a suit of clothes for Buttie. Canoe brought a lot of Oysters Mussels Apples pears. what Capt. bought of the Slaves.

Jan 19th This morn towed the Sea and Ben boats downriver of ships company started down at this morn. This afternoon took anchor and went nearer in shore are now anchored nearly opposite Mr. Daffins residence. some water from the beach. The boats have returned and have taken nothing. I put the fellows pressing all clothes this afternoon have been drying an Butties suit.

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