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Friday 8th We have had quite a pleasant day. but have
Lat 38.15 seen no whales. hope to soon. I have
Long 56.20 cut out another pair of drawers for
myself. cut and made a p for Frettie
and made over another shirt for Geo.

Sat 9th Have had quite a pleasant day with
moderable wind. it was spent in
the usual. Gave Scotts but the Grant to
Lat the Humphreys Saw two Merchant vessels
Long one ship the other a Bark. going North.
Have had the Cabin stove put up and
a fire has been very comfortable. this
morn I mended my flannel shirts for
Geo. this afternoon made over the first
white shirt. have one more to cut over
and then will end the shirt now

Sunday 10th Have had a very pleasant day it has
been much warmer than it has yesterday
Cook is sick has been so for two days
so I went aft to do the work for him.

Lat 37.32 this morn saw whales a distance from us
Long 56.27 and went for them for some time they
proved to be Zimbacks. We caught a
Porpoise last night. have seen porpoises
freely and some part of the day there
has been a great many birds around us
a Vessel passed us in the middle
watch last night.

Mon 11th I have finished the shirts for Geo. and am
Lat 41.8 very glad to be able to say so. have had a
Long 57.16 rough squally day. a gale of wind and snow
and calm the night

June 12th The weather has been better today. it was
squally for awhile this morn but has been
Lat 41.23 very pleasant this afternoon. I have mended
Long 57.16 two shirts for Geo and a p of drawers for
him. let down the sleeves of Frettie's over
coat. and mended the American colors
and a chemise and pair of drawers
for myself. This is Father's 64th Birthday. how
I wished I could see him today.

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Wednesday 13th Have had a calm day but wind enough for
Lat 41.19 steerage way. and a current against us so we
Long 57.16 ~~no lat.~~ drifted to Northward. ~~I have finished~~
one sock for Geo.

Thurs. 14th Have had another calm day but the wind is
Lat 41.18 breezing up and thinks it will be quite
Long 58.16 rough tonight I have finished the other sock today
I wish we could see whales.

Friday 15th We had a rough night but towards morn
the wind began to die away. and this P.M.
has been nearly calm but there has been
Lat 42.47 a heavy swell all day. I have had a bad
Long headache. caused by sleeping much last night
66.6 The sleep and rough weather. kept me awake
from eleven o'clock until after three. This morn
run the heels of Geo's socks and this after
noon made a pair of wool drawers for myself

Sat. 16th Had a strong breeze this morn with a
heavy swell. towards noon the wind
lessened and by three P.M. was entirely
Lat calm. but still a heavy swell about three
44.05 o'clock the Howland sung out "there blows"
Long from mast head. the whole boat was quite soon
66.30 off with his head and the Lee & Waist
61.30 Boats went down and the Lee boat fastened
to the whale and Capt killed it. got it
along side about ½ past 6. had there been
any wind would have had it here safe
but the boats had to tow it to the ship
It is now alongside and the Lee watch
are on deck getting up cutting stage. Hooks
&c. will cut in early in the morning
Mr Brightman got overboard and lost his
hat and one shoe. trying to get up to
lance the whale after he fastened. It
is a small whale. but we are very
thankful for even that small one are
much better than none. I cut and began
to braid a black petticoat for
Frettie today. Have sewed another week.

Brig Mary & Phebe. Lackland Boat