

Whales

Log of Seth Sells & Putnam of

Wednesday October 2^d 126 days out
Comes in with brisk trades & clear
weather. Sells running down the Land
to Southward. At 5 hrs came to an anchor
in the Bay on the South side of the
Island of Puertaventura with Port Anchor
veered to 30 fathoms & furled the sails
At 19 hrs got under way & stood out. At 23 hrs
saw sperm whales & lowered the boats
for them. The Landward boat struck
at 3 hrs got the whale to the vessel
made sail & stood in to the Land
at 4 hrs calm at 5 hrs took the Tides again
& stood in by the wind. Spoke Sells Carver
Jones he had struck & lost a large
whale yesterday. Bar at 2 hrs 30 0000

Thursday 3^d
At 11 hrs came to an anchor in 15 fathoms
about 1/4 of a mile from the shore with Port
Anchor veered to 35 fathoms, furled the
sails. At daylight got ready for cutting
got breakfast & hooked on.

Friday 4th Comes in with very strong
trades. finished cutting the body. Took
the junk in & hooked on to the case
have up two blocks but the case was
too long to come in. lowered it down again
& left it in the Tackles for the night
Commenced cutting up the blubber, at
11 hrs started the works, paid out to 45 fms
of the chain latter part Employed boiling and
bailing the case

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Saturday Oct 5th 129 days out
Comes in with strong trades. All hands
Employed boiling Middle & latter part
the same

Sunday 6th
Comes in with brisk trades but good
weather. All hands Employed boiling
at 11 hrs finished boiling latter part Employed
stowing down oil

Monday 7th
Comes in with strong trades & quite
rugged weather. All hands Employed
stowing down oil. The whale stowed
down fifty five bbls, at sunrise got
under way & headed by the wind to E
latter part light winds & calms two Sells
in sight to E

Tuesday 8th
Comes in with calm weather. Sells off
Sandy Bay at 5 hrs light winds off the
Land. All hands Employed through
the day washing ship &
at 6 hrs shortened sail. latter part strong
trades at 23 hrs came to an anchor in the
bay in 5 fathoms Port Anchor veered to
20 fathoms & furled the sails