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Friday the 22. Wore ship the gale holds on the same under the same sails and nothing to be seen. at 8 loosed the T. & Fore sail, the wind abated steering NW by W the wind from SE.

Saturday the 23. The wind hauled to the eastward some snow at 6 until 8 raised T. & Fore sail and a sail at 4 PM spoke her went on board she was cutting in a whale. The Norwegian of N. Bedford Capt Tower 22 months out 1600 Pr. 630 Spr. Capt came on board of us at sundown and had a game we took in sail, and took R. crew watches.

Lat 51, 23, Long 165, 30

Sunday the 24. The first part strong breeze the middle a gale lying too under close reefed main T. & Fore sail and Storm stay sail saw several whales, but it was too rough to lower

When the 25th this day begins with a heavy sea on and a considerable of a blow so that we lay to under a close reef mains top sail saw a plenty of fin backs but no whales so ended these 24 hours

Then the 26th begins with a light breeze saw a plenty of fin backs all around us blowing in every direction a sail on over lee quarter about 3 P.M. we lowered 3 boats and chased fin backs at 4 P.M. saw 4 whales at 5 we lowered two boats and the L.B. struck him we then lowered the other two boats and the S.B. struck and being to him until about 10 when the L.B. drew and the S.B. cut and returned

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on board the whale was sporting then blood it was to dark to work and we was some distance to windward of the ship and the weather having the appearance of a blow so ended these 4 and 20 hours

Then the 27th begins with strong breeze doubled reef the fore and main top sail and close reef the mizen and furl the gill saw a plenty of fin backs in the morning the weather thick & sail in sight but while and just past the same at 4 P.M. furl the fore and mizen top sail and close reef the main so ends the day.

Then the 28th light breeze saw a plenty of slight whales and chased them about all day but got nothing except the pleasure of being tired at 1/2 5 P.M. took in sail and set the watch so goes a whalman's life

Then the 29th employed in chasing whales but got none had a good breeze last part thick pulled on to a whale and missed him two boats so goes these 4 and 20 hours

Lat the 30th strong double reef top sail breeze first part lowered 2 fore whales this fore noon but could not come it last part a gale bore her to under close reef main top sail so goes these 4 and 20 hours