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carried down finished the day in
pulling her fore speak a Russian
brig who wanted our longitude
about 7 P.M. raised the land
so goes this 7 and 20 hours.

Dried the 5th blowing again and some
up laying. too under a close
reef main top sail and fore
sail & stay sail some rainy in
squalls at 7 P.M. wore ship and
reef the fore sail yet were again

that the 6th the first part the same with
squalls moderate and last part
more moderate wore ship
and turned the reef out of
the fore sail saw a few back

Then the 7th the first part light winds near
by a calm saw a right whale
lowered for him but could not
come it made part fresh breeze
a Russian brig seen down
across us plenty killers in sight
last part blows a breeze or double
reef the top sails and furled
the gibs and mizen top sail
at 7 P.M. close reef the main
top sail furled the fore top
sail reef the fore sail fore
Islands in sight at the distance
of about 15 miles

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When the 8th blowing a gale ship laying
too under close reef main top sail
and reef fore sail so under the way

Monday the 9th the first part saw whales
lowered 3 boats the 1st & 2nd
struck and lowered and then
returned on board at 10 P.M.
lowered again however heavy
saw my boat could not catch
one at 11 P.M. we lowered 2
boats for whales it blowing a
gale and so my that the ship
was rolling, sail covered and
so enough to prevent the devil
the weather was not fit for a
boat to go in the boats must
move for human beings no man
of feeling would send boats off
in such weather for it is killing
to human nature but so goes

Then the 10th the first part the same
but no whales in sight & sail
in sight to the windward of
us moderate part moderate
last part light breeze and
quite smooth at 5 P.M. fresh
ship Schooner of N. Bedford
so ends these 24 hours

Then the 11th calm & sail in sight saw
plenty of fin backs many hooks
and numerous other kinds of fish
but no right whales at 7 P.M.
boat went a gunning and got 4
birds the light shot a seal so goes