

I should remain there all winter or as long as I could see the spout of a whale. The whales are small but plenty, and it requires a good ship with four or five boats. Capt. Howland sends five boats into a school! I have seen the need of four boats. Before sailing I expected to cruise mostly for large whales and then it does not make so much difference.

No vessel did anything on the Com. Morris ground but the Addison, - but no doubt there is whales there. Capt. Howland saw them several times but got nothing. When I got there the season was over and I left again for the Ocean Stead ground.

We have found one very ugly whale to deal with. - He cut up all our boats. - He was as much smarter than anything I ever saw before as a sperm whale is superior to a bullfrog - as soon as a boat got near him he would go down, and unless the boat would pull away as fast as possible he would have her in his jaws the next minute. When he could not get hold of the boat he would grab at an oar or anything else at hand.

As our boat got disabled we would come on board, patch up with canvas, then off and try him again. In this way we kept working on him and he on us for about twelve hours. In eating up the third boat he got his death wound and we hauled him alongside after dark. He made us forty barrels of oil. We have taken twenty four whales altogether, the cooper being sent home per Addison. This left me rather lame as I am without a ship keeper. I have remained on board and kept ship most of the time since, but I

find a difference in the boat working. I shall try to make a ship keeper of one of the foremost hands and go in the boat again myself. The cooper mate does very well as cooper.

Now I will tell you my wants - articles I want you to send to Barbadoes in time to meet me there in Feb. - First 50 Stogie iron then that the heads shut inside of the blank - 2nd 3 Boxes of Bomb lances - 2 of small 2 Boxes of large

1 do of small If convenient and without great expense 20 or 25 Bbls of potatoes - can get none at Barbadoes - also if convenient I want from Capt. Wm. Allen an abstract of his voyage or a description of the ground where he got his oil in the Rk Pacific on her last voyage. I also want you to send me a small chart or plan, on a large scale of the Bahamas Banks and islands and of Watermill reef.

I some think of going down that way after leaving Barbadoes - commence down there in Mr. cruise up the Gulf through the summer as in the Ocean Stead ground in the fall. This is the route I now propose but there is nothing certain about it, for the prospect of a good cut at any time or place will be a sufficient inducement for us to change the programme. I am in hopes of getting one or two whales about these islands before leaving. When I leave the W. S. I expect to cruise about the Cape de Verde until time to leave for Barbadoes.

Should any of our friends wish to know when we took our oil you can tell them in the Gulf Stream.