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Sunday Aug. 28th. Commences with light variable winds and high and calms at 4 P.M. saw great numbers of Killers lowered the Waist Boat in order to strike one if possible succeeded in getting in the very midst of them Boatmen Howard darted 3 times or in other words tumbled 3 times over the head of the boat when the Killers were so thick all around the boat that it looked almost impossible to miss them, however he managed not to fasten and away went the Killers, at 5 the boats returned from the shore reported seeing a few Whales but could not strike, latter part light winds and cloudy with strong appearances of a storm at noon spoke the Ship Lydia of Fairhaven 400 bbls W.

Monday Aug. 29th. Begins with light variable winds and thick weather steering to the N. in Co. with the Lydia, with the intention of coming to anchor in Gabarus Harbor, at 7 P.M. the Harbor 5 mi. S. and head wind headed off to the S. with winds from E. S. E. and a heavy swell from the S. at 11 took in Fly jib and Miz. S. Y. Sail, at 2 Am. Double reefed the Topsails at 4 took in the Jib & Main Sail, at 5 saw the S. part of Bonhead Island bearing E. by N. 5 mi. Dis. at 6 Steered W. by S. latter part strong Gales and rainy so ended the Day under all Sail.

Tues. Aug. 28th. Commences with strong Gales from E. by S. and thick weather steering W. N. W. at 6 P.M. Double the Topsails at 7 the land in sight to the South by estimation 10 mi. Dis. came to the wind heading to the S. E. with the canvas furled Middle part thick and rainy, at 4 Am. wore ship and set the Fore Sail latter part moderate at 8 Am. under all Sail at noon Calm Sheperd's Bay N. W. W. Westernmost land W. a heavy swell setting into the Bay.

Wednes. Aug. 29th. at 4 Am. sent 2 Boats inshore to look for Whales W. head of S. Howlands Bay N. W. 8 mi. Dis. first part light winds from S. W. latter part light winds from S. E. and Calms.

Thurs. Aug. 30th. First part Calm at 9 P.M. the Boats returned to the Ship report seeing about 16 Whales but could not get fast latter part fresh breezes from the W. and thick fog most of the time at 10 Am. the fog cleared off sent in 2 Boats to look for Whales at noon the W. Point of S. Howlands Bay bore N. by E. 4 mi. Dis.

Friday Aug. 31st. at 5 P.M. the Boats returned to the Ship and brought the joyful news they had killed a Whale and he sunk in 20 fathoms of water gave him 50 fathoms of line with an Anchor attached 100 lbs. Weight and a bar to the Anchor fresh breezes from W. latter part light winds from the E. and Calms at 7 Am. sent in 2 Boats at noon sent in the 3rd Boat the W. P. of the Bay N. W. 3 or 4 mi. Dis.

Saturday Sept. 1st. light variable winds and Calms at 5 P.M. the Boats returned to the Ship reported having looked for the sunken Whale but could not find him in consequence of the fog being sunk at 7 Am. sent in 3 Boats so ended the W. head of the Bay N. W. 2 1/2 mi. Dis.

Sunday Sept. 2nd. First part light winds from the East wind, at 5 P.M. the Boats returned but could not find the sunken Whale. Middle and latter part fresh breezes from S. E. to N. E. and thick weather most of the time with strong appearances of a South Easter at 10 sent in 2 Boats to look for the sunken Whale soon gave a signal they had found him at noon strong Gales from E. and the weather looking very bad set a signal for the Boats to leave the Whale they had in to and get on board the Ship as soon as possible as it would be impossible to save the Whale without running a great risk of losing the Ship.

Monday Sept. 3rd. At 1 P.M. the Boats returned to the Ship strong Gales from E. heading to the S. at 1/2 past 2 Double reefed the Topsails took in Jib and Main Sail, at 5 heavy rain at 7 rain cleared off and a heavy Southeaster set in at 10 Close reefed the Topsails and took in the Fore Sail at 2 Am. Winds from S. W. wore ship, at 7 under all Sail strong E. land N. 12 mi. Dis. at 11 strong Gales from S. W. by S. and equally under Double reefed S. Sails heading to the S. E. Fog S. W. 10 mi. Dis.

The Whale represented by some from 15 to 20 bbls very small

Bar. 29-30

Bar 29-30 and going down fast.

At Midnight Bar. 28-96 lowest in this Sea

Barometer from S. W. weather very bad