

Letter sent to Capt. Hammond

Send Mate and up with files

Saturday Sept. 13th. At 5 P.M. got underway with light winds from S.W. and steered to the N. at 7 P.M. took a heavy squall from W. which blew on to a Gale, now ship ran back and came to at 1/2 past 7 in 11 fathoms water nearest land N.W. 2 or 3 mi. In strong winds ends the day riding comfortable 60 fath. Chain

Sunday Sept. 14th. 1st part Strong winds from N.W. latter part moderate winds from N.E. at 10 Am got the ship underway and steered to the S. one boat drove on board only the other 3 boats Chasing Whales

Monday Sept. 15th. At 1/2 past 7 P.M. came to anchor under the West shore with strong gales from W. and heavy squalls of wind and rain which blew on very sudden. At 8 Am fresh breezes and fair got the ship underway and stood out into the bay to look for my boats, met them coming in found they had been on board of a ship during the blow at 11 So came to anchor near the same place I had left. 10 fath. water

Tues. Sept. 16th. 1st part Moderate winds from N.W. and fair 3 boats off in chase of Whales, At 5 Am got the ship underway with light airs from the N. and steered to the Eastward sent off 3 boats at the same time in chase of Whales at 1/2 past 10 the Starboard boat fastened so ends the other 2 boats in chase of the fast boat the whale working out of the bay Winds from the E. Ship pursuing the boats and fast whale

Wednes Sept 17th Begins with a fine breeze from E. and cloudy pursuing the fast boat with the ship and the other 2 boats in chase of the same which soon got fast to the whale and held tow until 4 P.M. when they all got loose by the boom the boom breaking and drawing the whale. It had been very moderate for the last 3 hours and Mr. Hammond 1st Officer had been alongside of him a great number of times and had frequent opportunities of killing him but did not owing to his not being one half a fisherman he keeping the other 2 boats back with great the great whale was lost when the boats returned commenced asking Mr. Hammond a few questions in the cabin when he flew into a great rage over up the companionship refusing to stay one when I told him not to go, and at the same time telling me to come on Deck if I wished to talk with him, however he returned again after my giving him several calls struck his fist on the table swore and cursed and used much abusive language to me consequently I told him I had no more duty for him and told him to take his stateroom hoping I should have left trouble with him for the future especially as I have had to do his duty in a great measure ever since he has been on board he being

Look look and off duty with pack and all home 1856

Altogether different onboard of the ship as well as in the boats and very negligent with all. at 5 P.M. came to anchor 11 fathoms water from Midnight to 11 Am rainy latter part fresh breezes from S.W.

Thurs. Sept. 18th. At 5 P.M. came to anchor off S. Las Richard's Bluff so called, 16 fathoms water land 3 mi. S. Middle part strong winds from S.W. latter part strong winds from N.W. to N. S both of in pursuit of Whales reported seeing 3 or 4 only very scarce Mr. Hammond 1st Officer acknowledged his faults to me and asked my pardon and desired to go on duty again consequently I have given him another trial under the promise of good behaviour for the future

Friday Sept 19th. 1st. Middle part light variable winds & Calms latter part fresh breezes from N.E. and cloudy whales scarce Saturday Sept. 20th. Strong gales from N.E. and thick weather with some rain to ragged to lower most of the time

Sunday Sept. 21st. first part strong gales from N.E. latter fresh breezes from N.W. and fair at 1/2 past 7 Am got the ship underway and worked her toward the Western Shore at Noon came to anchor

Monday Sept. 22nd. moderate winds from the North west and fair the boats employed in chasing Whales

Tues. Sept. 23rd. light variable winds and fair at 8 Am struck a Whale at 10 took him to the ship and commenced cutting at Noon finished 1 boat drove on board, 3 off in pursuit of Whales

Wednes 24th. At 5 P.M. the boats returned without success latter part strong gales from E. and rainy, at 7 the ship dragged her anchor got underway faced the anchor foul, continued under Penners and Fore top mast stay sail until 9 came to anchor near the W. shore 11 fath. water let go the heavy anchor and gave her 60 fathoms Chain so ends the day riding comfortable to gale moderate

Thurs. 25th. 1st. Middle part heavy gales from E. and thick weather with showers of rain and a sea on riding bowsprit to and frequently bows under latter part moderate some, employed in breaking out for water and sawing bone

Friday 26th. Moderate gales from N.E. and equally with showers of rain latter part employed in boiling & c.

Saturday 27th. first and Middle part Light or Moderate Winds from N.E. and equally with showers of rain, at 7 Am got underway and stood in toward the Western shore in order to be handy to wind and water, at 9 came to in 9 fath. and sent 3 boats in to get wood