

Excrising
Remarks On Board Bark Platina

Thursday April 26th

First part commenced with a fresh breeze from the N.W. leading to thick at daylight breeze up in general middle part same latter part about to the S. breeze up to a moderate gale with heavy small squalls rain. No rain since that day. Lat. 44° 55' S Long. 112° 30' E

Friday April 27th

First part commenced with a fresh Breeze from E.N.E. East at day light raised a school of sperm whales going quick to S. but got really & lowered two Boats at 8 A.M. at 11 P.M. A.M. Le Boat struck a 30 or 40 Bbl whale then the M. Boat struck another 30 Bbl M. Boat turned his up but the Le Boat run & rounded at 4 P.M. whale still alive sent the 4th Mote with the S. Boat to help him & the ship went to take the Mote Boat whale would Breezed on fresh whales about 5 or 6 miles apart but right of the L. Boat at the signals for him to come on board but he did not come and did not know whether he saw them or not at 8 P.M. took the Mote Boat whale along side then kept off where we saw the Boat lost but could not find him the Canton came down & helped to look also steered different courses but of no avail so ends this day with two Boats missing the land in sight Mt Gardner bearing N.W. distant 20 miles off

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Saturday April 28th

This day begins with moderate Breeze from N.W. East the N. East first but looking for the missing Boats until 10 A.M. Capt Howland of the Canton came on board at ten A.M. & said he would start in & look for them toward the land think they could not find the ship & started for the land may God grant that they are safe somewhere are got ready for cutting at 11 1/2 A.M. commenced at 4 1/2 P.M. finished cleared up thistles and got supper & set the watches for the night rather small watches though 2 men forward in all at sundown the Canton & land in sight Mt many Peaks bearing N.W. Mote distant 20 miles off not views of the missing Boats of two present moment

Sunday April 29th

This day begins with fresh Breeze from East first part cleared away the head & cut up the junk at day light the land in sight Mt many Peaks bearing N.W. Mote kept the ship off Mt. Gardner for breakers Island to look for the missing Boats at 2 P.M. started the watches at 4 1/2 P.M. sighted the Canton steering for us with flags flying at all masts heads had the missing Boats picked them up at 8 P.M. last night all safe & sound & exact thank God for it at 5 P.M. got to her and took them on board the ship having left the whale dead about 12 M yesterday at 20 or 30 Bbl whale would liked to have had him but feel perfectly satisfied to get the Boat better part same squalls ship heading to N.W. West at sun down 11 many peaks bearing N.W. West