

Barre Baltic July 11th 1837

in any ship, or stand, from two hours then
climb on board of the Baltic again which
is a Paradise to me. Shortly after getting
on board they looked at that somewhat
dug out their gun. I was off of sea from
in front of the ship, off and on from behind
away the boats for a light whale, but we
did not get within halving distance of
him. It has been breezing on all day
so that now it is blowing a very strong
breeze & there is a very heavy sea so
that it is impossible to pull to
the windward & that is the way the
whale was bound. Mr. Stiers shot a
gun dead. Killed a goodly whale about
4 o'clock & hauled away the boats and
men down until 7 o'clock and
very near striking. If it had been
any kind of great matter, we should
certainly had one of these whales. I wish
there were 30 miles to windward before the
old man would come on board. Very few
minutes & we would come crashing in
the boat - scaling was poor fellow to
the skin. After getting on board we
closed up the topsails & turned in
Plans 9th
It has moderated down, wind but blowing
strong yet. Killed a whale early this
morning 2 points on the bar. How not
over four miles off he was going up, above
our bows. The old man thought he was
going to windward. Much faster than
we could pull against the heavy sea. 2-
m. did not pass. But the ship's meeting
who was about 10 miles to windward
loosened her boats & fastened to the
whale killed him and lay along side
of the ship & by cutting him in 25 ft we
got out off sight.

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Will Sound away the boats this morning immediately
after breakfast and without the least difficulty
Mr. Pugh shot out to a Right whale &
killed him with his harpoon & then darted a
lance in him. As it was blowing a strong breeze
at the time & there was a heavy sea on. Mr.
P. thought Bill might kill the whale with the
lance. He knew if the whale should run to windward
which is generally the case he would have to cut
the line & let him go. As it was so rough it
would have been impossible to have held on to him
had Boat fastened to the whale. He kept it
& we soon gave him his death wound. He turned
up with the line out & then went down & lay
on the bottom & very big thought he had killed
to see no more. But the boatmen to starting
very much finally got him on top of water & cut
him off with his cap & gave him as
many chops as I ever heard. It was a curious
spectacle to see 3 boats pulling upon huge waves
which threatened very much to engulf us
with one of the gusts of the ship by their
size & above the ship & water met. giving 3
heavy chops.
Sat 11th
Head all night in. all hand men called on
deck at 3 a.m. and hand were busy trying
out the water. Dead calm & thick fog.
Sun 12th
Still trying out. Last night commenced to
blow & it has been increasing ever since
faded in topsails & clear before the main
sails to the main topsails.
Mon 13th
Still trying out. Under no sail. saw plenty of
whales but it was so rough did not shoot
saw three ships but the James Murray
& Napoleon III. which got me. Spoke ship killed 3
whales. Finished trying out at 6 P.M.