

Bank Balle Aug 13th 1857

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Blew down 3 times in the boats for whales but did not strike. in an amongst plenty
Blew pulling most all day for apals
Puddledton went on to mid of them, and got me harpoon in and hardly that
subject they took a turn around the
loger head out came the harpoon and
off met the whale. very light winds
and beautiful weather. Blamed with
Bank Muddyport she has taken me whale
since we saw her last 10 ships in sight
and most of them are trying out

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Landed away our boat & the waste boat
at 8 o'clock and chased 3 whales but
was going too quick so we came on board
again. About 9 o'clock Mr. Steins said he
thought he saw a dead whale some 15
miles off on the water bow. he saw it
through his spy glass. The Muddyport
set a signal for our ship to come
on board of them. Mr. P
landed away his boat and spread
for the whale. We got him along
side of the ship & he proved to be a
big rotten humpback. cut the best of
him in a block and let the rest go
In the evening the old man met on
board of the Muddyport again. the Captains
of the Charles Carroll & the Cepadon were
there. did not get through gaining
until 11 P.M. Great calm all day

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Greatly dead calm in the forenoon in the
afternoon a breeze sprung up & the old
man squared the yards & saw before the
wind. He had while gaining last
night that a boat had found me of the

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ships up to midward of us. next dawn
I struck a whale and killed him. it was
a warm day yesterday and they lay
with the boat alongside of the ship
waiting for the ship to come down to them
the harpoons fast into the whale as usual
& thus made fast to the boat. when it was
supposed they must have gone asleep when
the whale cut & taking down the boat
boat and all nothing has been seen of either
since. Landed away for a whale this
afternoon our boat went on old Black Hawk
started got me Harpoon in. the old man
took two turns around the larger head
and the harpoon drew out and away met
that whale and it was the largest one I ever
saw. ran down & gained with the
ship William Haver who had taken a
whale this morning and cut him in, but in
killing the whale they had too much killed
by the whale and he missed badly.
Took my time in board from the ship
side and had our hair cut our fingers and
the humpback stinks twice but to
of oil.

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Strong breeze this morning. it seems as if we
must never get another whale most all
the other ships are cutting in and trying out
all the time. if we could only get 2 more we
are certain of going home. Landed away
the boats 4 times. the last time just before
I killed a pair of Mr. Prudhons met us to
a large whale & Bill got me in into him
he took three to midward at a flying
rate. the old man had by stars & stripes
at the mizzens peak that was for them
to cut their line and come on board
and they did so. they were entirely out
of sight when they did so. Foggy all day