

Barre Ballie Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1838

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> This morning the thrilling cry of three - the Bl-ows - was sung out from the Mast Head - and after each watch had taken their breakfast they chanted away the boats and started. Hoping so that the ship was under double reefed topsails and a main sail on. On account of my illness I was not able to go in my boat - but she put on to end of three whales and Cooper put me headboard in him. He had no sooner done it than the whale killed and struck Cooper over breaking it in 4 pieces and one of the pieces hit Cooper and it was a long time before he could speak or stir but Mr Stivers managed to get the boat up to the side so that he could place him and he soon lifted him. took him along side and cut him in a fine pleasant day. I was on the B most of the day. in Lat 56° Lon 154°

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> I turned in last night at 6 P.M. and slept until 7 A.M. this morning. This is a pretty rainy disagreeable day. But I think I am getting much better. The old man says this is the fattest whale he has killed this voyage and thinks it may make 80 bls and that is called a large whale for a southern one. I have been lying for the past week on Arrow root - and I am getting so I like it much

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Another mack has passed around and I am just about the same. a warm and pleasant day. I go on deck and feel pretty smart but a rainy & cloudy fore I feel much worse. The Captain calls it some kind of Rheumatism and among my other troubles I have such a sore throat - I can hardly speak. It has been blowing a gale of wind

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On Wednesday the wind all died away but a very heavy small one. They raised from the Mast Head. I missed away and killed them both a cow and calf. The cow was R. the mate said it was the largest whale he ever saw on New Zealand. The calf they brought along side and cut him in. The next day a heavy gale of wind and it washed away the maffur rail and every thing and body was about around decks. So day a fine breeze and pleasant the main to gallant sail set for the first time in 3 weeks. Finished trying boat last night and are starting down today. The calf made about 30 bls. Two ships in sight off of the Lee Head

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> I turned with the two ships last night. They proved to be clippers. Canton and Jay. I had the former 6 miles and the latter 10 miles from the ground. In squared the yards this morning and are now running the ground round for Blenheim islands with a good strong breeze. I still and about the same I do not think I can get into water or get in warm water. Fine pleasant day. Head on deck apart off the day

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Breeze blowing a strong breeze but carried whole topsails led the time. still running fine. steering by E in Lat 46. My shoulders and breast pain not much so that I did not get out of my bunk. Then on Deck this morning with Mr Stivers sent the boat again and told me not to come on deck when the Deck was at all wet. The old man talks of going in at one of the Marquesas islands. I do this way up north