

Remarks On board of the *Boscawen*

Tuesday August 1st 1848

All these 24 hours light land & sea breezes fine pleasant weather At 1.30 P.M. Commenced Cutting At 4.30 finished Cleared the Decks Started the works filled the Tails & C. Set 3 watches At 7 A.M. got under way Saw 2 flocks of Lump backs of Shore one with 18 or 20 & the other with 5 or 6 lowered for 2 Whales but they went off quick & stood in to the bay in hopes to find some with Calves but not a Whale to be seen So Ends stirring up the bay Wednesday 3rd

First Part Moderate breeze from North fine weather stored up the Bay ahead of the Eastern bluff but saw no whales & tried to work out of the bay but did not make any way At 3 Came to Anchor sent Mr. Barker to town At 6 got under way At 6.30 Mr. Barker came on board with a small bullock & found the natives to be friendly with a plenty of bullock fruit At 8 Balls & Clarge they also could supply pumpkins potatoes & some fruit wood & water can be procured their air 2 Frenchman on shore trading for bullock for the Mauritius Company & a number of Johnanians At 8 & C. Steered out to the Mouth of the bay At 8 Came to Anchor At 7.30 A.M. got under way & steered off shore At 9 lowered for a Whale without success At 11 lowered for another with the same So Ends sailing Thursday 4th 3rd

Commences with small breezes from N.B. At 2 lowered struck killed & At 5.30 took him along side put 2 fluke ropes on & took him in to stored inn for the bay 22 lbs. A strong breeze & a considerable breeze led the West Cape bore 2 1/2 & Dist 6 miles At 10.30 Came to Anchor in 13 fathoms water At 4 A.M. finished bailing later all hands emp cutting light breeze from North Eastward & fine Friday 5th 4th

Commences with light breezes from Northward clear & fine At 3 All hands emp clearing the Decks & C. Started the works At 3 lowered for a Cow & calf but the soon disappeared Middle & later emp in bailing At 8.30 A.M. got under way & steered off shore At 11 lowered for a Whale At 11.30 struck So Ends saw several Whales the West head land bore 2 1/2 Dist 7 miles

off Bayanna Bay Pump Bailing

Saturday August 6th 1848

Commences with calm At 3 A small breeze from the Northward the whale spouted thin blade At sunset he spouted clear & strong the boats killed on all night & turned him up At 9 A.M. lively breeze during the night from West round to SE At 8 A.M. A strong breeze from East & a sharp choppy sea on At 11.30 took the whale to the ship about calm & a number of whales in sight Bailing All these 24 hours



Sunday 7th

Commences calm At 3 A moderate breeze from Westward Commenced Cutting & cleared the head & made fast for the night later cut him in & laid tail in shore At 6 A.M. finished bailing the old whale & commenced on the new



Monday 8th

First & Middle Moderate sea land breezes At 1 lowered 2 boats & struck At 5 turned him up & took him to the ship put on fluke chain & sawed & stored in for the bay At 8 Came to Anchor in 11 fathoms in the mouth of the bay later all hands emp bailing & stowing down in the fore hold A fresh breeze from SE

Tuesday 9th

First Part fresh breezes from SE fine weather All hands emp stowing down & bailing Middle light later fresh from SE All hands emp cutting in the whale & bailing

Wednesday 10th

First part All hands emp stowing down & bailing At 8.30 got under way & steered off shore At 11 lowered for a Whale without success the boats returned on board So Ends Thursday 11th

First part light breezes from more fine clear weather At 1.30 lowered 2 boats for whales & long May off but could not get fast At 5 returned to ship saw a good many whales to Windward Middle Moderate breezes from Sea & land under double reef bailing At 5 A.M. finished bailing At 7 A.M. lowered for a Cow & calf struck killed At 11.30 took her along side So Ends

Friday 12th

First part small breezes from Northward All hands emp cutting & various other gals At 5 finished Middle light breezes from Westward & Southward At 7 P.M. started the works later quick breezes from SE saw several whales but no calves lowered without success Land 7 miles Dist ends nearly calm Bailing

