

Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

The weather cold and disagreeable made us by frequent squalls of rain. Wind about E. At 10 AM saw a whale. Lt. N. Long. West

Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>

At 1 PM. lowered for a whale but could not hook him. Returned at 3. The weather squally some hail. At Meridian lowered again for a gun of 4 whales about 1 1/2 to the windward. Reared till 4 when the starboard boat fastened and the whale ran to the windward. The Larboard boat succeeded in getting fast and the rest of the boats towed astern. They tried all ways to stop him but to no purpose and they cut from him at 8 in the eve-<sup>ing</sup> and he continued to go to the windward with 7 iron and 2 bar lances and ~~and~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>many</sup> gashes. He injured the starboard boat with his flukes and knocked the mate overboard but he was hauled in by the crew unhurt. The boats returned at <sup>the evening</sup> nearly exhausted but we will come a whaling. The morning <sup>the morning</sup> most beautiful. At 5 in the morning saw a whale and as it was almost calm we did not think of a chance of striking especially as we had such hard luck before but at 6 lowered. At 8 the Larboard boat fastened. The whale commenced fighting and it is supposed we should never have killed him had it not been for our gun. The mate got a chance to give him a shot when he poured out the blood as thick as tar and died without a lance. Turned up at 11 and commenced towing the <sup>whale</sup> about 10 miles to the windward. The Carpenter and myself repaired the starboard boat in time to help them tow. Lt. N. Long. West

Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

At 1 took the whale to the ship and took dinner. At 2 commenced cutting finished at 4. The day commenced pleasant enough and continued just long enough for us to get in when it set in to rain and blow. Took in suit to a close reefed ~~top~~ <sup>top</sup> sail. Very disagreeable weather but more rain more rest. Saw 6 whales close to the ship but it was too rough to lower so we have a little rest on the sabbath day. Lt. N. Long. West

Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

The weather continued to be cold and disagreeable. Separated the slabs of bone and scraped it during the night. In the morning the weather more favourable but too rough to lower for whales although they passed within a 1/2 of a mile off our lee beam. At 7 AM commenced boiling. The mate sick. Lt. N. Long. West

Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>

First part a strong wind and cold. At 1 PM. lowered and struck a whale to the Larboard boat. Held on a couple of hours and the iron drew. He showed no chance to kill him. At 7 lowered again but could not fasten. Returned at 8 1/2 and took in suit. The men almost perishing cold. Later part pleasant at 9 lowered again the Larboard boat fasten again. Held on line and pulled after him about 3 hours when he concluded to take it to himself. He then chased him 1 1/2 hours and returned tired and hungry with some blisters. Good luck but we must keep trying. Lt. N. Long. West

Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>

We have had first rate weather. At night we saw several whales but it was too late to lower. But in the morning we saw half a dozen or more. After breakfast lowered and chased them till when the Larboard boat fastened. Lt. N. Long. West

Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>

Took the whale a long side about 2 o'clock and commenced cutting with as pretty weather as our neighbours home at home. During the night the watch separated the slabs of bone and scraped and finished boiling the old whale. At 8 cooled down. The wind fair. Saw several whales close to the ship but too rough to lower. Broke out the fore peak for a cask of shocks and heads and began to set them up. Lt. N. Long. West

Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>

To day we have been visited with a severe gale from the E. with rain. Ammies mowing work for us as the deck is covered with oil. Whales all round us almost threaten to blow us out of water. Standing up at water weather a good chance to rest.