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Saturday May 28th 1853

The gale gradually decreased but we are surrounded with a thick fog and tossed by a heavy swell. At 4 P.M. washed off deck with sanders which makes a great improvement on our foot hold. Whales all round us but it is too thick to lower. Latter part made sail and commenced boiling and setting up old shoes. So ends Latt. W. Long West.

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Sunday May 29th

The Sabbath is past and we have been hard at work rather against my feelings but there is a necessity of it here. The time will come when whaling will be suspended on the Lords day. Lowered once for whales but could not get one. The watch employed in boiling. Prospect of another storm. Latt. W. Long 53 about

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Monday May 30th

Commenced with extremely disagreeable. Wind blowing a gale from the E. with a foggy rain. We boiled till dark and was obliged to cool down having finished all but the tongue. Latter part more pleasant. Took breakfast at 6 and lowered for a gam of whales but they soon mistrusted trouble and left us. Returned and finished the day by castrating our clothes fore and aft. Land about 20 miles distant. Latt 55. Long West.

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Tuesday May 31

Weather pleasant. Lowered 3 times for whales but could not hook one. At 4 P.M. commenced breaking out the Larboard side of the main hold for the purpose of stowing oil. The watch worked all night clearing away and pumping the ground. Some of the men thought that the 225th lay would not pay for night and day I think it rather discouraging for them. Latt. W. Long 50.

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Wednesday June 1st

Finished stowing oil at 4 P.M. and the wind braced up to a gale from the E. with rain. Took in sail to a close reef. M. top sail and stood greater watches. A little snow. Weather cold and disagreeable. Thermometer

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Thursday June 2nd 1853.

The weather moderated till we thought best to finish boiling the tongue. Whales in sight to day. It was a small tongue but it made just 8 bbls. Working to the E. and E. in search of whales. Saw porpoises. Latt. W. Long West.

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Friday June 3rd

Weather more favourable but not pleasant. Saw a plenty of whales but they were going to the E. fast. Lowered 2 but could not get on. They are very shy always on the alert. Put a new boat on the bow chains in place of an old one. Saw porpoises. So ends Latt. W. Long W.

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Saturday June 4

Commenced with pleasant weather. Lowered for a gam of whales and after chasing about 3 hours the new boat fastened when he started to the windward. Commotion in the boat not allowing the boat to get near enough to lance or spade him. Boat and returned at 5 P.M. and took supper and at 6 lowered for another. Returned at 7 without success and took in sail. Laysed with the main yard and a back through the night. Latter part ran off to the Westward about 3 hours and saw the land bearing about N. 20 miles distant. Saw nothing but humpbacks finbacks and grampies. Latt. W. Long W.

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Sunday June 5th

June is said to be the month of roses but it is too cold to cultivate them here but we are thinking of the flowers at home. The beauties of nature show forth to their greatest advantage about this time but I must stop there is whales in sight. Lowered at 11 A.M. At noon the Larboard fastened sail. So ends Latt. W. Long West.

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Monday June 6th

Took the whale a long side at 3 P.M. and commenced cutting finished about 10 in the evening and took tea and set the watch who cleared the head and scraped the bone. Lost the last blanket piece by the top. It's slipping out but we'll probably make 160 bbls. and with pleasant weather.