

86 days out Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Commenced with light air from the W and pleasant weather. At 3 P.M. lowered for a lone whale one point off the weather bow 3 miles. The Starboard boat fastened I was in the Waist boat her boatsteerer being sick and as we pulled up to the whale to fasten he milled and went under the after end of the boat and rolled fin up and stove us starting the wood at ends off from gunboard to the spar-stand on both sides so that we found the boat half full of water before we knew it. The bow boat came to our relief and while he was assisting us the Capt went up to fasten and he stove his larboard side all in or rather 5 streaks on one side and 1 on the other so two of us was stove in less than 10 minutes but and let him go. We covered the after part of the boat with the sail and brimmed her by the head and managed to keep her from sinking by bailing smartly. The bow and Starboard boats took the Starboard boat crew and took the boat in tow. Reached the ship at 8 and took the starboard boat on deck. The Carpenter and myself commenced clearing away the wreck. Got on fire and at 8 lowered the bow boat for a whale about a mile off the lee beam. The larboard boat coiled him. The whale saw him and started off. Returned in a 1/2 an hour. This seems to be hard luck but we feel thankful that no one got hurt. We will try again. One ship in sight supposed to have taken a whale along side as she had her fore yard aback. First ship we have seen since we came on the ground. We are glad to see her. Latter part a fresh breeze from W. wind and squally. At 8 rain down and spoke the Sulphurite of Mr. Bedford Capt. Parker 2. 3 miles out 2.00 Sp. 14.00 whale. Co. Capt. went on board and stayed about an hour while he was cutting in and carried his letters and brought back 7 crookneck squids and an eel and a small pig probably 3 weeks <sup>old</sup> entirely black. Pig would not follow ship him although he greatly in need of a pig. At 10 lowered again for a whale or 2 but they proved to be humphreys. Saw another ship supposed to be a whaling trader. Our neighbours finished cutting and began to make a smoke. So ends.

Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Commenced with a fresh breeze and rather disagreeable weather. At 3 in the afternoon lowered for 3 whales. The bow boat went too close to one. The boatsteerer and I endeavored to shove him in into his lip but it was no go that is he could not get it through. Then he tried the second iron and thrust it up and as it would not go he tried to dash it in but it was so crooked that he failed in that. Both whales went off about their business and the boats returned. The Capt found fault with the boatsteerer and told him not to go in the boat till he told him to. In the morning about 6 he lowered for a whale and then to go in the bow boat in the place of Mr. Gannon. I am a kind of jackalope. The Waist boat fastened and the whale started to the wind ran about 4 miles in that direction and then turned to the leeward ran as far in that direction and soon till he got tired of it when he put off to the windward for good the boat held on till they got tired and cut and came on board very much disappointed having struck 5 whales <sup>this week</sup> and saved none. At 8 in the evening Capt. Parker came on board with a boat crew of about as hard looking fellows as you ever saw. One he cannot harvest in 18 and he had as much brain as a rat. Our mate went on board the Sulphurite and gamed till after midnight. Some natives a watch below more than company unless it should be of the right sort. So ends. Let. W. Long. What.

Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>

A strong wind from the E. N. E. and the sun shone about all day for the first time in many days. At 2 in the evening the wind increased to a gale. Close reefed the topsails. Am. ship increased. Took in foresail and Mizzen topsails and set quarter watch and tried to take comfort but it is of an inferior kind yet better than none for we should not find fault as we are pleased with good health although we do not catch many whales. I sometimes get discouraged but our all does not depend upon making money still it is an important consideration particularly with us as nothing else induced me to leave my home and wife and little ones but we must be content with fisherman's luck. Let. W. Long. What.