

189 days out

Monday June 20th 1853

The weather has been remarkably clear we had supposed that it was always stormy here but here is one exception. At 10. M. a gale from the E. N. E. during the night the wind died away and before 7 in the morning had all sail on her with the exception of Mr topsail which we clewed up and reefed. At 10 on the yard wind very light almost calm steering N. for the land. Wind about 4. M. nothing in sight.

Lat. 10. D. Long. 170. West.

Tuesday January 21st

Had a fresh breeze from the S.W. and pleasant steering W.
About 7 1/2 lowered for a couple of whales. Landboard boat fastened
on. They both brought too. The starboard boat fastened but
but the whale got the line about of his floe and
parted it and we supposed we had lost him but
he soon came up about half a mile to the windward.
The bow boat pulled up and I had the pleasure
of putting a couple of irons in him. Mr. Man-
chester had fastened too him with 2 iron devices before but they both
land bearing W. We soon turned them up and secured them to the ship at
distance 15 miles. Meridian 50 ends. Lat. 53 45 N. Long. W. 10.

covered with snow. Through mistake I have written January instead of June but if any one should take a look on shortly Wednesday January 22 would think it written nearly calm. At 1 in the afternoon commenced cutting firewood at midnight and at 1/2 past 12 took finished making all said steering off shore and took a second supper and turned in most too tired to sleep. The watch clearing away the heads. Latter part came 20 miles distant bearing } all houses ~~stripping~~ bare and clearing a place in the fore hold between decks to stow it. Last is Long Mt about 2 1/2 mi.

Thursday June 23rd

All hands very
fishy. A light breeze from the W. and pleasant. At 2 PM lowered for a
whale and the boat fastened. The iron secured in about a
minute. Returned at 4 and at 5 lowered again and pulled to
the windward about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles but they proved to be
finbacks. Returned at 6 and commenced bailing. This day
terminated with as beautiful weather as ever dawned since
Boston. At noon passed ^{within} about 20 miles of Rose Island New Hampshire
N. 30 E. 1/2 W. 10 miles to the eastward.

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Friday June 24th 1853.

Commenced with as beautiful weather as ever seen with a light breeze from the S.W. Broke out the starboard side of the fore hold in the afternoon and night and got all ready for stowing oil by drawing in when we went at anchor for 126 barrels down all we had on deck some of the crew ~~down~~ as hot as we could hardly hold on to the bare cock. Ended with a thick fog. Lat 10° 15' Long 71° 15'

• Saturday June 25th

Fair weather At 3 P.M. lowered for 4 whales. The Bow boat
 The whale ran and fought a little more than we wanted him to
 The Landward boat succeeded in fastening after a while but he still
 continued to fight and round both boats past or bore lance into him
 but that did not stop him so he hauled up and began to spade him
 and the upflocks and stone & or five strokes in the bow of the boat
 but by flitting aft they managed to take care of themselves another
 rest passed the whale. We dash so till he rounded out our large tub
 of line and as the knot caught in the chocks of the boat we were obliged
 to cut one pulled for him as long as pulling was good but was obliged
 to let him go. returned at 7 in a thick fog. Shortly after we got
 fast to the whale he began to round and the waist boat pulled up
 to give the end of her line as usual telling the boatster to un-
 bind with one hand and pull with the other being in a hurry so
 Pierce done so or rather in doing so he made a mistake and cut
 but the short warp from the ^{union} and did not notice it till
 he threw it to the port boat but it happened they did not need
 it. but wanted a spade ^{exploded over the} the whale had broken in our manchester
 so Pierce began to get it ready and while in the act of doing so
 the Landward boat appeared to him with a paddle and continued to
 beat him over the head with it till he broke it all to pieces
 Here we see another violation of the law of humanity. Where vilest
 and Oh that they would let brotherly love continue as St Paul said
 There is hardly a day passes but there is fighting going on more or
 less and that without a cause so far as I can judge. Pierce says that
 there was ^{that} no war passed between them previous to this. The Devil
 says. The boats returned at 8 in the evening. Latter
 part cloudy and cold Saw several right whales but they were going
 too fast to the windward. All hands employed in hauling

Lat about 58. 5' N