

194 days out

Sunday June 26th 1853

The wind to the E. color and blowing employment boiling
and breaking out the starboard after side of the main hold
for the purpose of stowing oil I hear many finding fault
because we are obliged to work on the sabbath day. In Moses
time there were ^{some evil numbers 13 chapter 36 verse} men stoned to death for picking up sticks.
I don't know what our folks would do with such a law
I shall rejoice when I can again have the sabbath to my self

Monday June 27th

In the afternoon the wind increased with small rain. Employed in stowing oil in the main hold. During the night the wind increased to a gale from the E. Laying two under close reefed in topsail. Got fast nearly calm. Wind S.W. foggy. Commenced stowing oil in the main hold (starboard side) aft. Finished coaling at 4 P.M. Busy times.

Friday 28th

Cloudy and wind light At 4 in the afternoon finished stowing
oil a quantity of 144 bbls Started several tanks of fresh water in
the hold We shall probably be short of that precious article before
the season is up Considerable rain in the night and
cold for for June Saw two phosphors

Wed, resday June 29th

Light breeze from the E. N. E. and cloudy and foggy. At 2 in the afternoon saw a ship ahead. At four ran up to her stern and spoke her found it to be our old friend Euphrates. She had taken no oil since we sent her before. See particulars page 52. She had struck and sunk a whale a day or two previous.

Put him in 45 fathoms of water and took the
two lines to the ship and tried to heave him up
but they parted them both without starting him
Good luck but they are not discouraged. ~~Next~~
Theaker came on board for some time we
sold him 6 coils and bought of him about 6 bags of potatoes the
size of English walnuts. They were planted at the Sandwich
Islands but did not grow. Gained till midnight. Many of
us very sleepy. This is the only ship we have seen. He has seen
one beside.

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Thursday June 30th 1853

A very light air from the E. N. E. and pleasant. The Euphrates
about 2 miles and a half off our lee beam and as the wind was light
and rather unfavourable for whaling. The Capt. went on board
the Mate came to our ship at about 6 in the afternoon. We took an
other small ^{fresh} pig mate to the one we got from him the first time we saw
him. Sold them 2 pair of boots. While we was on board
of him they lowered for whales from our ship and got
within 2 days but could not hook him. 5 whales in sight
from the Euphrates but too far off to lower.

At 11 in the evening returned to our ship, better satisfied with her than when we left her, although they did every thing to make our visit agreeable. While all round us through the night but in the morning they had all disappeared. Standing in toward the land which was about 14 miles distant at Meridian. Our night about 4 miles to the leeward steering the same ^{usual} course back and

Friday July 1st

The first of July commenced very pleasantly. About 7 in the evening lowered the Stenboard boat for on some kind of a fish a bow as long as the boat. The Capt. thought it to be a saw-wolf fish others thought it to be a shark but the boats crew thought it was mackerel so we could not arrive to a satisfactory conclusion. They fastened and hauled out about 40 fathoms of line and the iron drewed. Rained through the night but rather pleasant in the forenoon. At 10 A.M. lowered for whales while was a spouting in all directions. The Esphraite a little off on her bow which had run over 2 whales that we was in pursuit of and as they came up close to her she dropped 2 boats for them and one of them passed within a boat's length of us and then boat close to him but could not fasten. We ran down alongside her stern far more that most to the leeward and lowered the 3 Starboard boats which cheered till meridian and returned. The waist boat got near enough to start but could not hook him. I never knew that finbacks and right whales kept ⁱⁿ company before but it was the case this time. Rose Island bearing about W 10 miles distant. It is a low level and leafy island and appears to be well covered with grass. Prang expressed a wish to have a run on trap but we shall have to wait a short time. The main land is well covered with snow.