

200 days out

Thursday July 2nd 1853

The weather most beautiful. Wind about N.W.
Rorse Island bearing N.E. about 8 miles off. At 3 in the
afternoon lowered for right whale and in a few minutes
after the Euphrates lowered for a cow and calf about 6 miles
from us. but in a couple of hours the whales came near to
gather so that the boats chased rather than come landward
but was obliged to give them up at 6 and our mate went
on board the Euphrates and Capt. Poole came
to visit us and perhaps lay plans for tomorrow.
He treated them with Calam Chowder which did
not go a begining. It relished well with me but
I think my wife can make better but it would not
keep so long as this has. Well we managed to finish

the 1st mate off
with a line
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our gam at midnight or a little after and we shall probably
manage to get along a few days without another. The morning
dawned most beautiful and a plenty of whales are took break-
fast and lowered about 6 (we do not lower before breakfast time)
The Larboard boat struck after rising and fell the track to seaward.
The bow boat went up to give the end of her line and in our
hurry we ran against her and broke her gunwale at the tail.
She looked after all she took the line before she had time to beat
us over. Turned much disappointed. The Euphrates has
been fast to day but she has the same luck. Whales all round
us but we can get none. Lowered again but could not fasten
returned in time to get dinner. A plenty of rugged looking ladden

Friday July 3

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6 miles in
the boat

At 1 in the afternoon lowered for a couple of whales and pulled
and sailed about 2 hours they appeared to be signing just about
as fast as we could what they probably called it a dog but
we left them and tried 2 others about 4 miles to the windward
but was obliged to give up the chase. Returned at 4.
The other ship chasing whales but caught none. At 9 A.M. lowered
again. Fairly calm. The other boat lowered first and galed
the whales before we got there. Returned at 10. Took down
at 11 and lowered again for whales that was a breaching
about 3 miles to the windward. The other ship lowered at the
same time for other whales and got one without much trouble.

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but found
no bottom
at 100 fathoms

but we paddling for whales as fast as we could. Thus we have passed
the Sabbath hard work instead of rest. Perhaps many at home have
been impatient for the Sabbath to pass away to give place to give place
to the fourth but I am glad that we have as much motion and I do
believe that it would be to our interest to give up whaling on Sunday.
I should like to say much upon this subject but I am too tired.

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Monday July 4th 1853

About 1 P.M. The Larboard boat fastened but drove in a p/2 an
hour. But as whales were plenty all we had to do was to paddle for
more and in about an hour she was fast to another. The bow
boat fasten second boat but no sooner than the iron touched him
the 1st mate he turned and come for us head first struck in midships with his
in the waist head shivered us clearway a boat 10 ft. and we supposed he was going
over her but he probably considered our weakness and went under
the boat lifting her all clear of the water breaking 3 oars and splitting
a streak 10 or 12 ft in length. But line and put the sail under the
bottom and started for the ship with 2 oars just managed to keep
her from sinking. The other 2 boats after the whale but he ran them
within 3 miles of shore & landed when they cut and left without giving
the 2nd boat a chance to fasten. The boats about 10 miles to the wind-
ward of the ship. The was about 4 when we got down and no wind to
help us along. The boats returned about 9 in the evening. They
were very much fatigued. After the stove was taken in the look-
ing for a gam of whales a short distance to the windward which
had been signing there for 2 hours but did not fasten. Wharrows
of whales but cannot catch one. The fourth of July has passed
and it has been an eventful day here as well as at home
and I think many would have pursued this night to the most
glorious of all nights that they had ever seen before. I must say
it surpassed every thing of the kind that I ever saw. Whales
all around the boats. Spouting and turning flocks it was truly
pleasing. We made an excursion for whales about 6 P.M. in the mor-
ning and the waist boat fastened took him to the ship.

without much trouble and commenced cutting
at 12 P.M. Took in the head and took dinner
at plenty of whales in sight and our neighbour
boiling. The steward coiling lines for another whale
So we have spent the fourth very profitably after all.