

206 days out

Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

A strong breeze from the N.W. and pleasant. Quite comfortable weather considering the wind comes from the snowbanks which are not more than 20 miles off. At sunrise whales all round us. Took breakfast at 6 and lowered. The waist boat soon struck and killed and at 9 took him to the ship and commenced cutting. We have been very fortunate. ~~There is~~ <sup>Chasing</sup> so to change the luck the Capt did not lower, sent ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~boat~~ <sup>boat</sup> in my place and put a white man in the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~boat~~ <sup>boat</sup> in place of a colored man and he thinks that makes the difference. I hope it does. I like shipkeepers both best

Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>

Finished cutting and commenced hauling and repairing Montague and setting up aloft shooks and finally ended by lowering (about 20 miles) and hurrying. I shall be glad when it is over. It will end off (that is) with this voyage as far as I am concerned.

Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>

Fog and rain has attended us all day. Still we have chased whales only 2 or 3 hours but it was so foggy we could not keep run of them and have managed to keep the work going and set up shooks for the oil but it is no very pleasant work. Laid with the boys and about all the forenoon. It rained within 6 miles of Montague Island. ~~For as there was many tries there~~ <sup>inwithstanding the snow</sup>

Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>

Fog and rain the most of the day and a light breeze from the N.W. In the P.M. lowered for whales but it was so foggy and rainy they were obliged to give it up could not keep run of them. Lowered again in the A.M. but the whales were so small that they did not conclude to fasten ~~the~~ <sup>they</sup> immersed themselves by carefully lancing them. Might have fasten to a half a dozen of them but the old man don't like small fish. Finished hauling at 10 A.M. Our neighbors in sight but a long distance off.

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Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

A light breeze from the N.W. and pleasant. Lowered at 3 in the afternoon. The waist boat fastened and the whale for the ship. When they got within hauling distance the Capt who was on board of the ship supposed it to be a small whale and ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> to the lower boat to fasten but they pretended not to hear so they pulled up to him and the Capt saw that they were bent upon fastening he commenced swinging his hat and bawling at the top of his voice go away from that whale you damn you till he was red in the face and swinging his hat at the same time as though he was determined to unjoin his arm rather than they should fasten. But in spite of all the larboard boat fastened solid and in five minutes the mate had him spouting thick blood. When he started to the windward out of hearing. By this time the Capt made signals for a boat to come on board. The boat came when the Capt told him to go and tell Mr. Taber and Mr. Worth to cut their arms out of the whale and come on board ~~damn quick~~ <sup>cut</sup>. He started on the errand greatly to our disappointment and delivered the message and started for the ship again. Mr. Taber went and followed soon after Mr. Worth still holding on waiting for him to die. When Mr. Manchester reached the ship the Capt gave him the flock rope and told him to take it to Mr. Taber and tell him to go and ~~tell~~ <sup>tell</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~boat~~ <sup>boat</sup> to sweep the whale and take him to the ship. This was cheering news to me and not to me only it seems the Capt repented and it is well he did for we ~~can~~ <sup>him</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>can</sup> think he will make a 100 lbs. I shall report when he is boiled. Finished cutting at 11 in the evening. At 8 in the forenoon lowered for whales and chased till noon but could not catch one. So ends

Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with a light breeze from the E. N. E. and pleasant. Took dinner and hauled the boat again. The Capt in the boat of the larboard boat as a spare man or probably if he had have got near enough to a whale he would have been of some use but they did not return at 5 and took supper. Bar neighbors in sight cutting. Later wind and blowing strong with rain and fog lying too under double reefed topsails and a plenty of whales in sight but cannot lower.

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