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Tuesdory August 8th 1854

Fair weather and a plenty of whales. After breakfast lowered for them and the breast boat fastened to one after starting 6 times (with the second iron) but the boat drew or slipped over the pole and we lost him.

The boat returned to the ship and as the bow boat was near she was called also and we took dinner the other 2 boats saw whales. The starboard boat had been near to a whale but the boatsteerer Floit darted over him so he went off.

The water is covered with whale feed. The main land in sight.

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Bent a new jib

Wednesdory August 9th

At 1 in the afternoon the starboard fastened to a fellow and was soon assisted by the carboard boat and he clodged promptly with all the boats till 4 when the mates iron broke he then bid the loose boats good bye. The starboard boat held on a few minutes longer and cut and let him go and pulled ahead a distance of 4 miles the old man would not run the ship off for them. He was very crapp and all hands returned crapp also. Spall at intervale.

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Longitude 47° 30' N.

Thursday August 10th

The prospect is always poor when there is no whale in sight. The season is far spent and we have bent 800 this season so our hopes of filling this season are all gone. Too bad cant go home yet. Working on my picture box constantly.

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Friday August 11th

Saw a devil early in the morning and we headed the ship as near her as the wind would allow but a thick fog set in and we lost sight of her. It was thought by some that she was a sailing but it is not known. Saw a piece of fat lean so it appears someone has taken a whale here. The main land in sight bearing 2nd N.

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Saturday August 12

Some rain during the night. Wind E. Main land to the S. and W. and Rishwells Islands bearing W. by S. 1/2 S. At 11 AM. Mr. Lowcock for whales but they were very shy and the wind light so the captain sent me below to scrimshant for luck. This is in a great hurry to see my box done.

Lat 68° 50' Long 148° 49'

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Sundory August 13th 1854

At 5 P.M. the starboard and waist boats struck a whale spine but the starboard boat iron soon drew in. The boats were a great way from the ship and the breeze was light so at the late hour of 10 in the evening the fore we got the little fellow ^(the reports boats) along side so of course we had a late supper. Carried all hands off in the morning and through out the day.

For whales of which there was a plenty. The Captain went in the starboard and Mr. Croop in the bow boat and the latter struck and killed his first before the captain could resolve to do so. Killed him the first lance Mr. Bell killed his in the same way. Took him to the ship at 7 AM before we had fairly finished cutting the other. We then commenced cutting the other in the ream so we have worked hard all day in the ream hardly having time to think it was the Sabbath. Go on.

Monday August 14th

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Finished cutting at 4 in the afternoon it rained nearly all the time and blowed a half a gale of wind from the E. W. C. A plenty of whales in sight. Spilt and scraped 40th heads of bone during the night and in the ream. In the morning got ready for boiling but there was too much rain so I tried to scrimshant but there was too much sea to make much head way. The main land in sight as clear as night. Lying too under close reefed topsail.

Tuesday August 15th

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The wind increased and the rain fell till toward morning when it lulled so we started the trymaulies but it soon renewed its blast and rain and so we could not keep much oil in the pots so we cooled down again. Trying to scrimshant but cannot hold my tools or myself very well.

Wednesday August 16

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More moderate though the wind still to the W. R. C. The watch employed in boiling. The Captain turned out cross but got over it as soon as he robed ended two of the blubber room men for being a few minutes behind the time after breakfast. If he knew how I detested such an inhumanly disgraceful practice he would certainly desist if he had no higher motive. The fore fellows hurried down in the blubber room at of his way and shortly one of them down cut his foot badly with a spade at some motion what the Captain said when he was told but he dropped it as well as he could.