

856 *Friday May 18th 1855*

Another Sabbath has past in the usual way
a gale of wind and nothing to report the morning
but a few backs but there are next to a friend
The Capt returned from the Columbus at eleven
in the evening and from appearances expected
to go again today but for again has prevented him
The Capt that several ships have taken two whales
each which makes no great little incident in a
not daily occurrence. The ship has close to

857 *Monday May 19th*
Capt. Birditt came on board of our ship evening
and stayed about an hour and while I am
sitting he is a hauling in a net. They caught
for a game. I saw a whale in the morning
but it has been too rough to follow.

858 *Tuesday May 20th*
The ship passed and we are taking no oil

859 *Wednesday May 21st*
Pretty good whaling weather but have seen but one
whale shot and chased by the Columbus
At 11 we squared the yards steering to the E. and
in search of more whales. The Capt is getting
very uneasy though good natured.

860 *Thursday May 22nd*
A pleasant day has passed and not a whale has
been seen but we are steering E. & S. for St
Elias where we have a right to expect a few fawns
from fortune. Yesterday the Capt. bled Mr
Cross and it has entirely stopped his rising blood.

861 *Friday May 23rd*
Wind about N. with rain and fog a part of the
time. Steering E. & S. I saw nothing but two
humpbacks and I think they were hungry and
will probably leave soon if they have strength to
do so. Mr. Cross on duty again
I have worked up my previous time on faging
knives and I hope some to make something of
it. All of fairs or I shall have no use for them
We are all very anxious to catch a whale

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Seen and chased two whales today, one in the forenoon
and one in the afternoon but did not get nearer than
two darts. The Capt went with Mr. Oakman for
hick. The weather has been cloudy with a light breeze
from the N. W. steering N. E. We think of
doing something tomorrow.

859 *Saturday May 19th*
The week has passed and we have done nothing but
fretting with no good. I have been up my mind
not to worry for circumstances over which I have no con-
trol. At 10 o'clock the darkest part of the day
I had seen a beautiful day for whaling but we have
seen nothing but finbacks and humpbacks.

860 *Sunday May 20th*
The first thing was to catch and dress a porpoise
and the thing of repentment was to drop the porpoise
overboard while it was being carried to the mast
head - the surgeon put it so we lowered a boat and
lowered it. At one o'clock in the afternoon saw
what I believe to be King George Island which is
very high and well covered with snow and has an
exceedingly cold and mountainous appearance.
Stood on till 6 and then off there.

861 *Monday May 21st*
This has been the pleasantest day we have had since we
left the Islands. Had a light breeze from the N. W. steering
N. E. Nothing in sight but finbacks porpoises and
puffing pigs. Lat. 57. 30 about

862 *Tuesday May 22nd*
We have been visited with a gale from the Eastward
with rain which lasted till near night when the wind
changed to the N. and it cleared up and we saw a
lot of California fags. We began to feel very
uneasy for a whale or a flock of them.
The Capt tried to turn a faging knife. He said
he wants to do something to keep off the blues.
I had rather be him look blue than look black.