924 Wednesday June 25th 1855

The great Cesper Thaidens was seen soon after midnight
T.P. stood in with a good breeze till 9 in the forenoon and
tacked off shore the land being about 5 miles distant
The land very bearren, high and well covered with snow
A few more ticks and we shall weather it and enter the
Sea of Okhotsk but I fear there will be nothing for us
there in the shape of bowheads or right whales A little on
Another ship in sight supposed to be the Frenchman
Saw humpback and finbacks We are now running
for the Montauk and expect to have a gam

925 Tuesday June 26th

The Capt went on board of the Montauk at 7 in the
evening and then sun off for the other which proved to
be the Origon of Capt Eldrige
joined with the gam and kept it
up till sunrise (8 O, clock)
The Origon was from Kodiak and
left a plenty of whales there as they
were too wild to suit them
This has been a delightful day
A very light breeze and a beautiful sunsun which
sets at 10 and rises before 3 so we have no night
Stand Mark heads 19 hours out of the 24.
Saw a few "thistle diggers" Doing nothing

926. Wednesday June 27th

Sunday Jr Lt 4 I was begin to wright up for the
last 4 days having neglected writing on account of
having two "biles" one on the upper and lower
lids of my left eye which have made me sick or
unfit for any kind of business or pleasure eating or
sleeping and caused me to take the first dose of
physic the voyage and now write with but one eye
to overlook the work through it is a back with
We have had as pretty weather as ever blessed the
earth, a very light breeze and the Atlantic lay as
smooth as a mill pond Last thursday (the
thermometer stood at 98 in the sun and the
pigs and dog caught the sheny part of the deck

[illegible] for some days but [illegible]
in the books [illegible] [illegible] last 4 days instead
of 4 the [illegible] Last thursday afternoon we fell in with the Montauk
and got 5 bbls of Pork We have seen a considerable ice and
are running or rather standing through the edge of a large field
of broken ice that extends as far as the Lyscan coasts Saw seven
or 8 Sperm Bloods and lowered twice but they showed no chance
for fastin The Montauk succeeded in capturing a bowhead
last Friday and got him back stowe in the scraps The Capt
fastened to some [illegible] Saturday there was another ship in sight
and at 2 o'clock in the morning that was this morning we spoke
her It proved to be the ship General Williams of Sag Harbor
Her first Mate Capt Miller and our old Chum Capt
French came on board it being as light at during the night
as any time of day in the shade It is now in the middle of
the afternoon and they have not gone yet Soon after Capt
Miller left this ship Sir Isaac lowered for a whale he got fast
and the same as we have been if Sir Isaac Newton is a hoax
of the General wound 2 bowheads in sight of the Montauk
I expect the Captains were making great calculations for the
future during this night eating and drinking Capt Miller
appeared to be rather out of health trimmed breakfast which
doubtless caused by over taxing his intellectual faculties in
trying improved plans for future operations What surprises
many of our boys is the difference between our time and
that of the Generals it being Sunday with us and Monday
with them They sailed round the Cape of Good Hope
and have thought a day ahead of us They summed up
[illegible] of 40 whales [illegible] and about 600 bushels of irish potatoes
of [illegible] The Montauk picked up a barrel of rum
containing 6 or 8 gallons 6 bbls and several other small
things The bbls are what we should call 30 gallons they
with some turtles in it the slats were the fatal remains
of some animal It is supposed that they stood overboard
for conveying the rum over the side in the night
It was about 30 ft from the side from land and no doubt a gun
lost in the night or morning She is about as large as a
[illegible] and drawing [illegible] tied together and
[illegible] The Captain left as early at
[illegible] it was a long gam [illegible]