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Off St. Pauls

Saturday September 16th 1888
At daylight we went to the Capt. Strickland and killed the whale
before without assistance from another boat.
The weather has been pleasant but now the wind has risen
to its former place N.E. and threatens to blow and rain
immediately. It is now about 3 hours but the whale don't
appear to be struck if they can avoid it & ship is sight and
immediately have taken a whale though they have chased some
they appear to be going towards the boat which is in
sight to the westward. The Capt. Williams is now heard and
spare hands as he is not well but will go in the boat if
allowed. A Portman heard the general. "Hoop" and
shortly afterwards with "Hoop" having a very good shot. "Hoop"
friendship. It will do well if they keep down away from the
boat. The big whale is just at night. Do not go in. And
goat.

Sunday September 16th
Pleasant weather but it has not appeared like the
last day as we have been hunting and chasing
whales. I have been twice for whales but they were
soon scared off as there were no less than three ships
to the left of them. At 10 a.m. Capt. Miller sent his mate
Mr. Williams on board of us and our Capt. took the
same boat crew and Mr. Lewis and went on board
of the General. Mr. Lewis is to do some blacksmithing
for us. There is a talk of swapping mates.
At Pauls Island in light bearing E.S.E. Steaming in there
finished boiling at 7 in the evening about 8.5 lbs.
The Capt. returned at one in the morning with Mr.
Fish 2nd mate in place of Mr. Lewis. The old man
was trimmed by the head.

Monday September 17th
Weather still pleasant and a plenty of whales in sight
and 5 ships chasing and none getting the fish but the
servants. No forward before breakfast but did nothing
after breakfast tried again and brought a whale to the ship
at 2.30 P.M. and did not finish cutting till 5 in the evening.
We are about to exchange mates. Mr. Lewis killed up
with Mr. Williams and to have tonight. Capt. Miller
to live and Mr. Williams to the other ship.

General and his crew
The old man
The big whale
The small whale
The goat

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Wednesday September 19th
Soon had to quit about 10 as the wind increased to a heavy
gale with rain down to under close reefed. In the day
the ship to go heavier than she has since we were adrift
from home. We have done a hundred lbs of salt and 5 lbs
of blackhead and soap and a gang of sheep. Some water
in the hold and empty casks. The ship is the head and waist
beats under and the end of the crane slightly from the waist
boat. A blackhead is killed and we made it to shoot a few
more casks of oil in the tank. Spent the evening in eating to
the meat.

Thursday September 20th
The moon moderate while the rain had started the work
at daylight in the rain and after breakfast commenced
steaming into the after held and forth first 3 hours
it was very tedious as the rain fell thick and fast
and cold but after rain it was fair weather
I have been very busy getting up the ship and fitting
boats to stow. The Capt. brought up liquor of
which the hands partook with 3 or 4 exceptions
and I was one of them. I think I can stand the
rain without run. It checked off the after held
with a quantity of 75 lbs now the lower hold is
full. Good.

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