

1145 *Wednesday October 24th 1855*
 Very beautiful one after the other. It was light enough
 we looked into the head and took it in with in two pails
 which till 8 pm. Took every scrap of the precious oil from
 it and let the case get at 9 and made sail to a light
 breeze from the N.W. steering N by E. for the Island.
 It is about 12 miles since I have hoped to take a sperm
 whale but cutting junk in the smoke, ^{being more} natural than
 pleasant. So manage to keep the fire going by
 burning in addition to the scraps, tar resin and
 a plenty of pine wood but it pays well to do so.
 Thinned the head by hand. The whale ought to make 20
 Lat 34 33. W Long 121

1146 *Thursday October 25th*
 All hands busied at boiling. Washed off deck a
 job that has not been done before since the 4th of Sept.
 Still we have not been dirty as frequent rain and the
 spray kept us clean though wet. Piled all the blubber
 on deck. The body makes just enough scraps to keep
 the works going. Blowing strong from the N.W.
 which is probably the trade blowing along easy under
 double reefed top sails. Steering S.W. by E. The head had
 35 lbs. The jaws measured 18 in. ft. from the snout to the
 back teeth of which there were 35 in each side.

1147 *Friday October 26th*
 The weather still pleasant. Finished boiling at
 2 o'clock this afternoon. The whale made about 35 lbs.
 of oil. The head oil in the blubber room with 2 lbs.
 of whole oil after scraping and scrubbing it thor-
 oughly and then with the oil with many buckets of water.
 Spent the rest of the day in scrubbing the deck with sand
 and binders. Got all ready for washing the three
 remaining heads of bone which will come off
 with much fine tomorrow. The dawn about 5 o'clock
 6th in the tank. The weather too warm for
 hard work. We have been accustomed to cold weather
 that the warm takes hold with hot hands.
 We have not our safety catch on board and only
 a piece of bread and a piece of flour. Steaming S.W. by E.

1148 *Saturday October 27th 1855*
 The match has been busily engaged in the expected job of
 washing the bone and as the weather has been so fine it
 has not been a disagreeable one. Finished the job in time
 for supper at 6 o'clock. The captain was very particular to have
 every thing perfectly clean for which he is not to blame.
 To all took hold with a good will, though the work acted as
 secondary loss and his orders were more frequent than
 reasonable. The match took the bone out of the hold in
 the night. The wind trades blow from the N.W. and
 sometimes S.W. which rather interferes with our course
 toward S.E. Lat 34 33. W Long 121

1149 *Sunday October 28th*
 Our eyes have been closed with a light of land which we regard
 as a great favour and all praise is due our Protectors.
 We have not spent the Sabbath day according to my notions of
 propriety. Still the little work we have done has been very quietly.
 The principle work was to forward the bone to day and pack it
 away. A few hours more and I shall be in demand of the
 Church hall a blessing of some long looked for. The wind has
 been light or we might have been within sight of a better place
 today. Saw the land in the morning and at dusk it was about 35 lbs.

1150 *Monday October 29th*
 We made a short tack off shore during the night and in the
 morning discovered the Island to be Oahu instead of
 Hawaii as was first expected. It was near the low end of 9 miles
 making a few more than the other tack was made
 off it. It is a good tack again and now we are just about
 out of the weather. Saw the head of the bone. Should the bone be
 held as first or it does not present. It shall be in time
 if we can. Our boatmen seem to be as anxious to get in
 as it should be to get in the Bird and Bay. I am in a
 hurry for the reason than to get a letter and
 send it from home as it will make the baggage very
 heavy and they detained. Blasted ship inside except the
 2nd and 3rd deck. By the way the 2nd deck is a little better
 than the 1st and 3rd.