

for them, but finding the whale spouting blood, we, together with the larboard boat, started in pursuit of the school, and were but a short distance from them when we saw the signal of recall hoisted at the ship's mizzen peak, and we returned. We got him alongside and put a fluke chain around him.

24th Light wind - pleasant weather. Trying out. but in the whale. Saw whales just before sunset but did not trouble them. Fresh breeze during the night.

25th Fresh breeze - barometer falling. Made preparations for a gale. Our decks were loaded with casks and blubber. We put what oil we could between decks, and lashed the rest securely on deck. At 3 1/2 P.M. it began to rain and blow very hard. We furled the foresail and cooled down the works. And a dirtier ship or a dirtier crew I never beheld, than we were after working two hours in the rain. It was impossible to touch any thing from the taffrail to the knight-head that was not covered with slush and dirt, and the crew, as they stood in the waist, looking at each other, in their oily clothes, and drenched to the skin, looked as if they had lost their last friend. It rained blown so hard through

the night we were not able to do any thing. 26th Strong breeze - heavy sea. Started the works, cleared the decks so we could move round, and broke out bread, water, sail and empty casks from the fore hold. Set the foresail. Capt. confined to his cabin sick.

27th Light wind. Trying out. Hoisted out the oil that we put below and found that it had leaked badly. We finished trying out about midnight. The captain did not make his appearance during the day.

28th Light wind. 7 A.M. raised whales off our lee quarter. All the boats went down after them, but they had seen the ship and were gallied. We could get no where near them and we came aboard, and commenced breaking out the hold to stow down oil. About 5 P.M. we raised whales off our lee quarter, 1 mile off. The larboard and waist boats went after them, while our boat stopped on board to see to the oil we were running in to the hold. A short time after a whale broke water not a pistol shot from the ship. We were afraid to lower, for fear of gallying him. When he was about half