

- 28th Fine weather—light wind. All sail set. Shifting bulk in the hold. Lat. 32 N, long. 162.40 W.
- 29th Fine weather—light wind. Saw fin-backs. Long. 161 E.
- 30th Fine weather—light wind.
- 31st Foggy, with rain—light wind. Cleared up after breakfast. Long. 161.40.
- Aug. 1st Light wind—fine weather. Calm.
- 2d Very light wind—fine weather.
- 3d Light wind—fine weather. The mate struck a fine bill-fish this morning. He was about seven feet long, including his bill, which was over a foot. They are very good eating. Lat. 33.17 N, long. 164.30 W.
- 4th Light wind—fine weather. Saw fin-backs. Sail ahead at sunset.
- 5th Light wind—fine weather. Sail off our weather beam. Made her out to be the Hope. Made all sail to overhaul her. About 10 o'clock they lowered a boat and Capt. Sifford came aboard. They had taken 200 lbs. this season. They had seen the ships Jereh Perry, James Arnold, and Miantonomi; the latter had again lost all her boats in a gale of wind off the Bonin islands. Rain during the night.
- 6th Light wind—fine weather. Schope off our lee quarter. Capt. Martin went aboard the Hope about 4

- P.M. and stayed about 4 hours. We got a small fluke chain from them.
- 7th Light wind—fine weather. Schope astern. Several fin-backs came close to the ship about 11 o'clock. The old man concluded to try his whaling gun and fired two of Allen's patent bomb-lances at them. The first one struck the whale on the top of his head, cutting a deep gash, and exploding a ship's length beyond him. The second lance was better aimed, striking the whale deep amidships, exploding with a dull heavy report. He rolled upon his side and went down. We hauled our main yard aback, but we saw him no more.
- 8th Light wind—fine weather. Saw fin-backs. At 4 P.M. three sails were in sight to leeward, which afterwards proved to be the ships Jereh Perry, Schope, and Jas. Arnold. The ^{former} was a New Bedford clipper, 25 mos. out with 1100 sperm, and is calculated by her builder and owners to be the fastest whaler extant. We ran down and spoke her just before sunset, and lowered a boat and put our captain aboard. Both ships then ran off before the wind for the Jas. Arnold. There was no difference in the sailing of the two ships, with squared yards, and we longed to haul on the wind and test her prowess.