

Light breeze through the night.

Jan. 25th. - Cloudy. Wind S.W. Main topgallant sail set. Heaving to. French rock a point off weather bow. Wind very baffling. The Norman and a stranger in sight. 8 A.M. clear weather. 10 A.M. saw the Norman set her signal, haul up the weather clew of her foresail, and luff sharp on the wind. We took this signal for us - meaning whales to windward. They had been raised early in the morning by the ship to leeward of the N. and we soon saw her boats full 10 miles to windward of the ship. We saw nothing of whales till noon, when sprouts were seen on the weather bow. We saw them but once and could not tell what they were.

Jan. 26th. - Cloudy. Strong reef topsail breeze. Sailed to leeward. Tacked and ran off N.E. 2 P.M. spoke the Laryne Com. Preble, of Lynn, 15 mos. out, 100 sperm 100 whale, from the Arctic Ocean.

Jan. 27th. - Cloudy. Strong breeze. Preble in sight to leeward. Curtis in sight. Wind S.E. Steering W. 9 A.M. light breeze - everything out, stending the jib. 2 P.M. hauled on the wind. Curtis and Goat island in sight. Two bargues off lee quarter. Light airs. Wet hold.

Jan. 28th. - Fine weather, light breeze. French rock off the weather beam. Wind E. 5 P.M. spoke the Lexington. They had taken 70 bl.

Jan. 29th. - Cloudy. Strong breeze. Goat island to windward. Lexington off weather quarter. Wind E. Saw Sunday island. Calm through the night.

Jan. 30th. - Cloudy. Calm. Barometer falling for a gale. Painted the mizzen mast. Sunset - strong breeze. Saw two ships off the lee beam. By midnight it was blowing a gale from the Eastward, and we were lying to under a close-reefed main topsail and fore topmast staysail. Plenty of rain.

Jan. 31st. - Blowing a gale. Rain. Set main staysail. The wind hauled round to the Northward & Westward, and moderated towards night. Saw Goat island off the lee beam. Rained considerable through the night.

Feb. 1st. - Fine weather. Wind E. Heavy swell on. Made sail. Goat island off weather quarter.

Feb. 2d. - Wind E. Fine light weather. Everything out. Goat island and Curtis rocks in sight to windward. Broke out the after hold for molasses, ^{fish} lard, pork, and flour. Sunset - two ships broad on our weather beam, apparently gunnery.

Feb. 3d. - Fine weather, light breeze. Two sail in sight. Goat island and Curtis rocks to windward. Saw black fish - a good sign. 2 P.M. spoke the Martha. They had been fast to a whale since we last saw them; the iron drew and they lost him.

Feb. 4th. - Fine weather, light wind, from E. Saw the Martha and an unknown barge to leeward. 12 M. off Sunday island. Kept off N. by E. Sailed with the Martha after supper.

Feb. 5th. - Fine weather, light wind. Off Sunday island. Wet hold and broke out a cask of bread.

Feb. 6th. - Fine weather, light breeze. Off Sunday island. Wind N.E. Kept off S.E. W. About 10 o'clock a sail was raised