

Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> 1858

Fresh breeze and thick rainy weather from North  
all sail set steering S.W. at 2 P.M. spoke  
Champion of Edgartown, at 2 handed  
light sail and tacked in shore, saw  
a ship at anchor, heaving at 2 tacked  
off and double reefed the top sails,  
Middle and Latter part fresh gale  
lost reef the fore top sail and handed  
the mizen, on different tacks heading off  
and on the land, saw several low heads,  
going quick to the E. thus ends,

Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup>

Strong gale and clear from North, ship  
under double reef main top sail lost  
reef fore, heading off and on the land,  
saw a ship, steering South, I wish we  
was going the same course,  
Middle part fresh gale and rainy weather,  
Latter part more moderate but angry at 11  
A.M. lost in shore, let up main fore sail,  
headed off the land, thus ends, I think I must  
have been half drunk when I shipped for the lay  
I did, since I have got sober I think of it often,

Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Strong breeze and rugged cloudy weather from N.W.  
steering by the wind E. 1/2 E. land W.S.W. 15 miles,  
at 2 P.M. set all sail,  
Middle part strong breeze with rain, reduced  
sail to double reef top sail,  
Latter part moderate wind shifted to East and  
thick dense fog, I am afraid that the  
dead air will not do much towards  
getting the ship full of oil, that appears to  
be the way the dead air works here rather  
at good air or nothing,

Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1858

Moderate breeze and thick fog from East ship  
under easy sail heading N.W. at times the  
fog lift for a few minutes,  
Middle part fog lit up, saw spoke the  
Java of New Bedford,  
Latter part thick fog gain'd with the  
Java, thus ends, I wish if one fellow  
was ever sick and disgusted with this  
work I am that fellow it is different from  
all whaling that I ever went, I try to take  
it easy but I cannot make it out,

Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>

Moderate breeze and thick fog from North,  
at 2 P.M. fog lit up, the land about  
10 miles off, at 7 a strong breeze at 7  
spoke the William Edge cutting a rip, she  
has taken two low heads since we saw  
her, spoke the Maringo and gain'd,  
Middle part fresh breeze,  
Latter part moderate and cloudy, started divers  
courses but saw no whales, four sail in sight  
two women ships besides ourselves, prepare for  
a women's game on the morrow,

Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>

Light wind and cloudy from Eastward all sail set  
heading South by the land W. about 10 miles,  
Middle and Latter part light wind and  
calm, gain'd with the Maringo, Addition  
Champion, and Captain court reports ship  
having taken some whales to the South,  
thus ends,