

Sunday Jan 1st 1861

Pleasant weather employed gaming, waiting for the 5th to come, hard work, I would give a triple if I was out of the scrape, it is my own fault, I might have been clear and got much better pay than what I get now, and had some one to help me, and been with a man that is master of his ship, in something else besides the name, if I never had been with any body else I should not know the difference,

Wednesday Jan 2nd

Pleasant weather putting about nothing, as for myself I have been gaming all day, and have been out of disagreeable company, I shall be a happy man when I can call myself clear whaling,

Thursday Jan 3rd

Pleasant weather employed gaming and sailing about, great whaling this, Capt and Lady on board the Sharon, high times, Mrs Gills got a coal bath, last evening the boat went down head first and let them overboard, but did not hurt anyone,

Friday Jan 4th

Pleasant weather getting ready for the general work on the morning,

Saturday Jan 5th

Pleasant weather, at 4 P.M. got breakfast, and started the boats off 2 up, Sp. ves Sagoon, and 1 up, Gray now Sagoon, got two whale to each ship, and we got 3 boats stove, and your humble servant was up all last night, this is the worst whaling that I ever went, the worst kind of whale to catch, the first thing you know your are stove,

Sunday Jan 6th 1861

Pleasant weather, no whaling, tending tides to get the whale to the ship, at Sun dawn got one to the ship and cut him in at 2 P.M. got the other along side and made him fast at 4 P.M. started again, got another boat stove,

Monday Jan 7th

Pleasant weather cut the whale and began to hail

Tuesday Jan 8th

Weather good employed sailing and boat off at night came on board no whale, this is what I call hard whaling,

Wednesday Jan 9th

Weather good at 2 P.M. finished sailing, at 4 P.M. came on board, got a whale in company with the Sharon,

Thursday Jan 10th

Cloudy weather, at 4 P.M. started for the whale, got him aground lost part of the side had to anchor him again, at noon began to rain, got the whale to the ship about 10 P.M.

Friday Jan 11th

Weather good, at 5 P.M. hooked on to the whale, and sent the boats off to look for whales, about 2 P.M. stuck in company with the Sharon, got two boats stove and got the whale to the ship at 7 P.M.

Saturday Jan 12th

Weather good at 4 P.M. started the boats off whaling, got one badly stove and got nothing, this is the worst whaling that I ever have been, chase a whale all the week, got knocked hell to pieces and stove down Sunday,