Ship Bethia — Brig Ground — Ship Nathan

Remarks on board Thursday June 22d AD 1848

Light baires from the West this day, struck two whales this forenoon got one along side at 4 o'clock PM the other parties lost lines and stared each-other Blind, — Latter part calm-whales, to-ens this day,

Sat 61°58 Long 160°48' E.

Sunday June 25th Brisk winds and hazy weather first part of this day struck one in a gam first to him forty hours without getting the least chance to kill the whale, after getting nicely frozen and nearly cut the line, but the ten gall chasing the gam, plenty of whales there about but it wants some thing to help them two, very wild whales,

Sunday July 9th fine watter this day struck a whale and cut him in the first part, Middle and latter parts boiling, saw five sail one only sighting,

Sat 52°40' S. Long 160°30' E.

Tuesday July 18th Vineyard Highlands Nov 2d 1879
Fine weather at work on the
Past 24 hours commences with fine
fresh baires from the S.W and cloudy
weather struck a lone whale, the line got out with a bad
spout, he away the next before we could get fast to him
again, he ends this day Lat 51°30' Long 161°17'

Edwin Cottage Jun 4 Bearmouth on the Bluffs

Thursday July 27th Light-baires and fair weather the first part, Middle and latter parts fresh winds and hazy weather struck a whale and gotten the line first bitten four minutes, and away he went a crew and their Husband. I shall journey by their actions to ends this day

Lat 56°45' North.
Long 161°05 East from
Bearmouth

Now Off Private Edwards Think of Them.

Remarks on board Sunday July 23d AD 1848

These 24 hours commences with many winds from South and thick rainy weather Mercury by the barret on the attacks, saw a gam of whales to windward, but it is most too nigge to lower although we want a whale bad boy. Monotonous latter parts thick rainy weather nothing to be seen but the same old faces. To day I am twenty four years old but cannot realize it. Just a few days ago I was a school boy, could but I were at this moment, I can, cannot I think of it, Experience is my schoolmaster,,, Oh what a dogs life is this Oh what a prospect, 20 months out with 1200 barrels of oil. I could weep tears of blood would it avail us aught, Oh why have we to said the stiff neck your often you to no purpose, May the blessings of God rest upon us although unworthy of this notice, Oh Eternal God let thy spiritual and temporal blessings rest upon this fair barque while in these frozen regions I know that I have strayed far from the pathway of peace and to day it is painful to me to look back on my past life and see, How small a portion of it is shared with the presence, How few are the days of the 25 years have been devoted to the cause of Him who died for sinful Man, How few are the bright days, in my past life, O most gracious and ever blessed God assist me to live more to the honor me to day to remember that I am but more like a Christian, Assist me God although far from my dear ones from kindred home and friends to look unto Thee, and say, my Lord and my God thine and thee only will I serve, although future may frown and dangers, assail us on every side be thou nigh near unto us and in thine own time return us to our native shore from which we have not heard this twenty months



