July 1838 Cruising on Japan with not much success

Wednesday 4th First part calm and saw nothing but
Lat 28:17 sail a mile to compare with the treatment
Long 160:8 of the Ship Blood by Low life Scrapers low or
better the same with 8 fine men for an Pistol

Thursday 18th First part steady & Middle part W with
Lat 28:07 smart squalls and in the morning saw a
Long 160:0 Ship a head about one mile Dis but she
bore more and then to the S & S the pour
about one ½ mile Dis John Butler Chief Mate
and two men went out of side of the weather quarter boat

Friday 19th First part steady & S & Latter part steady very
Lat 29:01 Wind saw 0000000000000000000000
Long 160:30

Saturday 20th First part the same Latter part the same saw Nothing to Cheer

Sunday 21st First part steady & saw nothing except
Lat 29:32 white water of the weather bow but could not
Long Estimy get to get and killed a pig to have his liver
in the morning steady & S & E and at 6 A.M.
saw a Ship of the lee bow and at 7 saw her
no encouraging and at 8 saw several large whales
a head which bore west from us and at 8½ dropped
the gaffer to pull of the weather quarter to
lie fast and at 9 the same up then
dropped the remainder and the main sheet boat
they all and then fastened with all 3 boats
and turned him up and lashed him alongside
at 12 A.M. with the main boat three
by his jaw and 3 of her crew made a breach
out of her for the first time for the very

Monday 22nd First & S & E all commence cutting and all hands
Lat 30:18 to work until sunrise and no hopes of
Long 161:18 getting the head of and saw many Whales of
the weather bow but could not get at them
and saw the Ship in company lashed
alongside and Long side at 1 P.M. and made
fast our cutting gear at sunrise for the
night and in the morning commenced cutting
and got the head off at 8 A.M. and finished cutting
the body at 12½ P.M. and saw the boat queer
a storm Bailing to Cook Cabin with
2 men sick on board

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Tuesday 23rd commence calm first part steady in the Gulf
Lat 29:44 and boiled the bone and put the fires under boy on the
Long 160:50 Bonque passed of the weather bow a boiling and finding
use all bellies in good current latter part employed
in boiling to find with a hot burning fire

Wednesday 24th commences calm and extremely warm weather
Lat 29:54 employed in boiling and saw the Bonque of the lee
Long 160:40 bows latter part finished Boiling at 7 A.M. the whole
making 99 barrels most pretty if we had seen them
Cheer he said of made 100 bls seen this Day

Thursday 25th At 6 P.M. spoke the Bonque that got the whale
Lat 29:06 in company with the ship got a whale that made 88
Long 160:50 bls it was the Jasper of New Bedford Capt Brown
27 months out with 950 bls they had
and Cabin work been on a quintuple of Capt
Coffins on board of this Bonque latter part employed
in Cooping Oil and Lost Sight of the Bonque
Jasper

Friday 26th fine weather and employed in Cooping
Lat 30:32 latter part employed in Breaking out in the
Long 162:35 of the hold and stowing down to our work

Saturday 27th Employed in stowing down and at sunset
Lat 29:39 saw a sail of the lee bow latter part fine weather
Long 161:20 stowing down and filled up the water butt

Sunday 28th commence with strong winds from W. to W.
Lat N.A. heading to the S & E with 3 close reef topsails
Long Obs and fore spencer and fore staysail and at
6 P.M. were Ship to the S & W. and lashed
Strong the fore and mizzen topsails with 4 reef sheets
Wind with and routing and no hopes of more squalls
at present latter part it gale with forecast of
Rain rain falling like a bitter cold to Cook
Monday 29th Moderate and set the fore topsail
Lat 30:30 and run of before the wind with the main tackle
Long 162:50 in mast hoop latter part the same to Cook

Tuesday 30th Moderate winds from S & E and
Lat 30:10 saw fin backs latter part the same to Cook
Long 162:8

Wednesday 31st First part saw a lot of the weather bow
Lat 30:65 and in the morning saw several Whales of the
Long 162:52 lee quarter Lower all 3 boats and Chase of them
all Day with the Ship and fourth boat could not
strike the first the first part in Chase of the
whales latter part Lost sight of them we
was not so unfortunate as to get one Bone