September

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Sept 26 The Carpenter in Boiling oil finished at
Lat 27-06 P M the Whale yesterday 32 bbls and at 8 P M
the fine part of the night on at 11½ spent heavy
Long 155-48 & fresh the main topsail and laid the remainder
of the night on in the morning made sail and
got ready for working. Hills when there was some
difficulty respecting Cruising between one of our
Sandwich Island Canoemen & the one the Capt
when the onset ended took to be possible done
to go in to the Chains for hauling him with
a rope and set the Canoeman returned the blow
with a large Broom and I think the mate
may consider himself quite fortunate to get
off with a whole hide and more so if he keeps
it whole During the Chase he lost 3 Harpoons

Sunday 29th Begins with Moderate winds from S E
Lat 30-13 at 12½ spot low spouts of Sperm Whales in
Long 158-23 Sight Fifteen Sperm Boats and commenced
the Chase and at 3 P M the Larboard quarter Boat
struck a small Whale and he towed running
on from the Mast Head Boat came in Contact with
Whales and Just got in the act of striking
when he blew and Lowered from the first Boat
to the windward when he left the Whales and
went to their assistance and found them both
Stove and he took the Mate from over board
towed him up and Hoisted him on board and
on finished up the Boats crew the Boat being
Head up and a Canoeman Standing upright
on her Bottom took her a Long side and
hoisted her in on deck and ran for
the Whale and took him along side of them
Dark when the 3rd Boat returned having struck
to Dark for masses of Blubber and Lance of the
Japan Island took up the Boats and Flensed
the Main Piece and came to Day and in the
morning hoisted in and cut the Whale in and finished
at ½ P M and got the fires under way to boil
Sundays 8 Commence at 1 P M with low and large bodied Sperm Whales
Lat 30-50 Lowered all 3 Boats and kept them Close at hand on to them
Long 156-00 the Largest Boat came very near in a Just and in the act of
striking the Whale the Boats at Sundown and Commenced Boiling
and finished at ½ in the morning the
Whales averaging about 27 bbls to the Head up Hills
and Hoisted up and Secured the oil that was in Day
Cleared and got up Yards and Topsail and Lower
Topsail and with all the ground Tackle Ready for
a Gale for one hour the Whale Boats

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Mondays gentle Commences with Light winds from S B S
Lat 36-13 Steering S S E and at 30 M saw a Large
Long 157-30 Shoal of Sperm whales for of the weather
Bow going opposite to that N E and at
4 P M Lowered all 3 Boats and Continued
to pursue the fish until Sundown but
they were so Extremely wild that the 3
Boats Could not get with in Darts of
them the Boats returned to the Ship at
½ past and at 8 saw the whales Down
Board of the Ship but it was too Dark to
Lower and have seen a great number of
whales for a few Days back and all of them
going opposite to the N E and the Ship
in that same Latitude so there must be a great
many whales on the ground to Continue
to go in that direction all to greater Latitude
Ship laid in Steering down in the afternoon
with moderate winds from S E to E N E

Tuesday 30th Commences with moderate winds from
Lat 36-09 S E bending E B S and saw Beaches but Could
Long 157-49 not make them out Latter part finished
Steering down after doing it 2 or 3 times over
But it Compares with the whole proceedings
of the voyage if a Ship is in this Business the
hunts and Lost and appears to be not a Set
of things Conformable to the intentions of the
Marquesas Islands or a Cruiser off James Island

Wednesday 1st Commences with Strange winds from N E
Lat 29-45 heading E S E with the Ship under Short
Long 156-30 Sail with 3 sick on Board the Portuguese
with uncertain Sickness and Spitty much
all the remainder are well and the Ship
Strange winds and but Dangerously sick in the middle so
Rugged ends the Day with nothing to Relate this