

March 1884 About the Islands

Monday 17th Commenced almost calm with the
2 ships in company heading in for
Charles Island the island about 18 miles
Dis. those 2 ships in company had been
here a long time and the 2 ships went
on shore and the ships sailed up and
back not like the Edwards boats and at
4 P.M. saw a school of Blackfish and saw
all 3 boats and pulled up to within the
men were all covered but to get the
mackerel and get some small ones and then
it was some time but after the mackerel
of the line the dinner about 12 miles from
us and the 2 boats started for the ship and
when they got within 3 miles of the ship
saw her surrounded with whales thereabout
to look out of the mass of them and the
2 boats started and killed one and the
Capt. saw not further from shore of getting them
and started to the first whale and all the
boats were pumped out of the boat before
the 2 got to the whale and the 2 boats
men to pull up and the 3 boats got to the
4th just as they were battering him along
saw this is the way to get it all down for
Blackfish and saw 1st boat 1000 barrels
of sperm oil and a bloody all around
plus a number of teeth the whales long
like and stood in for the land through
the night and must get 215 bl. whales
the first was for 6 months to days and
in the morning I looked to get in
the whales and just at sundown saw
whales and saw but could not get
on and finished cutting and lost
light of the whales 8 ends

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Tuesday 18th Commenced with light air and
very heavy to Charles Islands and at
11 P.M. 2 P.M. saw a large school of
whales and saw 1000 barrels and pulled
up and after trying 4 hours the 2 boats
but got a chance to a 60 bl. whale
and the Capt. got him and was not
fortunate when to get on shore in to him
and so took the boat and Commenced
Boiling and headed 2 P.M. through the night
and finished at sunrise the 2 boats making
20 bl. and at 4 P.M. saw a 1st to 1000
and at 10 P.M. saw here morning and
headed one the and for 1000 barrels

Wednesday 19th At 7 P.M. saw the whales
coming down to land in all quarters
and saw and put up after them and
killed them with the 2 ships but could
not get one and at 4 P.M. saw the 2
boats and saw a whale along the
line the 2 boats later the time and
saw nothing except the land and for 1000

Thursday 20th Commenced calm with the land in
sight and in the morning had light air
and saw 1000 barrels and saw a 1st for up the
weather greater to ends this day

Friday 21st Commenced with light air and strong
in for the Islands and the 2 boats put
the land and saw 1000 barrels 8.3

Saturday 22nd Commenced almost calm and very heavy rain
and at 2 P.M. one boat went on shore to
look for turpentine and at 4 P.M. anchored
at Charles Islands and at 10 P.M. the boat returned
with 10 turpentine and went on shore at the boat