

Journal at Sea. April 15th 1844

bound on Japan
 18th Thursday sent in two boats to help tow the Phebe and Three Brothers out, towed them out about 9 o'clock. At 11 we then stood S.W. and parted company from the rest
 19th Friday morning made Savage Islands and in the afternoon the Capt went ashore and returned at night by off and on till next morning
 20th Saturday two boats went ashore after hogs and brought off 16 large ones
 There is five white men that live ashore on these islands they are married to native women and the native men are under them as servants or slaves
 the most of the natives belong to the island of Ascension
 at night we stood off the land bound to Japan
 21st Sunday to May the 12 nothing in sight worthy of notice
 May the 12 Sunday seized a school of sperm Whales and chased them all day but could not fasten to any of them, and next day we saw another school and the starboard boat fastened to one but the iron drew out again there was it sail in sight and next morning we saw her to windward trying out
 on the 15th a gale or gale and we laid to under close reef maintop sail and foresail we saw a great many sperm whales this day but did not lower for them the rest of the week was stormy
 Sunday the 22nd fair weather and it continued so all the week but we have seen no whales except two or three finbacks
 26th we spoke the ships Namely and swift both of New Bedford about the middle of this week we had a gale of wind but it did not last more than 24 hours nothing passed worthy of notice untill the 25th of June when we saw a school of sperm whales the starboard boat fastened to one of them
 on the 27th Wednesday we cut it in and began to try out in the afternoon we saw another school and lowered the boats after them but could not fasten to any
 on the 28th the main boat fastened and brought a whale alongside and on the 29th cut it in and on the 30th the starboard and main boats took

Sperm Whaling

