

Sperm Whales 9 1/2 Barrels

in the hands, this oil is of the best being clean
no spring water, the "blanckett pieces" are thin
cut into "horse pieces" L.E. about 6 or 8 in wide
& 3 or 4 feet long, the horse pieces then go through
a mincing machine & are then ready for the
pots. We have 2 iron pots a ovid shifts, set in
brick masonry which will hold 4 barrels each
the fire once started it is tried out & turned
to "lard trying" on a large scale & when cool
barreled & stored away. Sperm Whales is white
& as much like pork as any thing, though this
is less substance & more oil in it, the best side
is black or a slate color. Sperm whale contains one
bone of value except the teeth which are beautiful
Doubt. This whale will probably detain us from port some
time as we will cruise about here trying to find
the school again.

Friday July 23^d 1869

Left our air quarter deck was the scene of one
of the most disgracefull & cowardly assaults I
ever witnessed. John Price the boat steerer
was on the main top sail yard, with only one
sailor, & he a spanish boy, to double reef the
top sail, as they finished the second officer
called out to him, "Why dont you haul the
sail further up on the yard." Price replied
"I cant, sir, I have but one man with me" but
the officer said "if you cant you are a ———"
Price said "than I am, sir," as soon as he heard
the deck the Captain sprang on him & pounded
& choked him till he was black in the face &
then called to the Mate to lash him to the
rigging & as soon as the mate got the sperm
on his fists, Price said: "This is the first time
I ever received such treatment on board ship."
at this the Captain sprang on him again
& while the Mate held his arms pound

him in the face, with curses, till he was
exhausted & could curse no more, Price
was then lashed to the main mast rigging as
his feet just touched the deck & Captain
took the main topsail reef tackle, a 1/2 in rope
& with the end of it gave him 26 twenty
six powerfull blows on his back, shielded
by a single, thin shirt. Price begging all
the time for him to have mercy, this occurred
at 7 o'clock, he was then left lashed
till 9 1/2 hrs & in quarter hour in all
when he was cut down, this morning
he appeared with a sheath knife, such
as all sailors carry & I dread the conse-
quences if he is again assaulted.
Price has the simpaties of the entire
crew & had there been only one to lead
them would have thrown the wretch over-
board, who thus abuses his authority,

Sunday Morning July 25

Yesterday afternoon at 2 1/2 o'clock sperm whales were
raised & all the boats covered at 2 1/2, shortly after two
other whales were in sight & joined in the chase
a bark, & a brig, boats returned at 7 1/2 P.M. without
striking any whales. This morning both whales
are in sight one on either side & if no whales are
seen to day we will probably gain this afternoon
while I write the cry of whale is raised & all
three are steering for it, & I must close.