

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1856

Foggy this morning till 9 A.M. when the wind sprang up from the N.E. and it cleared away so that we saw the light boat at the Sore and pigs. Made more sail turned to the wind and stood along the wind was so near ahead that we couldn't beat up and our pilot concluded to take us into Starpaulin Cove and wait for a fair wind had a strong breeze beating in and anchored at 2 P.M. and here we are close to American soil. When shall we get home Am so anxious Capt. and Pilot have been ashore this afternoon sent off some apples which tasted capital to us also a few fresh Cod which we had for supper. There are some 10 or a 12 Schooners and one Bark laying here all waiting for a fair wind to take them on their way one of the fishing Companies came on board to night and cheered us with a number of new songs and had a social scene so much like living amongst my own countrymen that I more than ever wish to get home some properly a good wind tomorrow may it prove true. To night there is very little wind air cool and clear can hear the frog peep a sound that used to be familiar long ago.

April 26

Wind continued to blow from the N.E.

till 5 P.M. when it changed to E.S.E. and light. Capt. started this morning for home taking a boat from the other side of the island for the main land. He is now probably at home with his friends while we are lying here impatient of delay. Should have got under weigh this afternoon when the wind came fair but our pilot predicted a calm which soon followed and to night there is not a breath of wind. Think we will have a breeze from S.W. some time tomorrow and if it comes we shall start without delay. Some of our company have been on shore today found it rather dull I think to much about home to wish to visit these shores.

April 27. Sunday

New Bedford in sight and that is joy for me such as I have not felt since I left home. Have a fair wind from the west and will soon be there. Got under weigh at 4 this morning and stood out of the cove with a light breeze. Made a few tacks and took the river pilot then kept off through Quick's hole wind riding. Shall now relinquish writing in this book and am only to happy for the occasion having written under many disadvantageous circumstances subjects of little interest noted only for their sameness. They will soon end and I will be among my friends again if indeed they are still among the living. No more such long and tedious voyages for me soon I shall say to the bark good by.