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got whale in lat 40° 30' south long 104° west
80 blb

out that one boat was fast and ordered us to lower away the boats and pull down to the whale as soon as possible we lowered set our sails and pulled off, we were but a short distance off when the 3^d mate cried out that the boat was capsized. we kept on pulling but by the time we got down there the men were picked up and the 4th mate sang out to us to fasten to the whale and fasten our boat then pulled up to the whale and the boatsteerer gave him two irons - after a short time we hit the whale. The ship then ran down to us and took the whale alongside. After we got aboard a sad story was told us, the mate's boatsteerer was killed and the mate himself almost eaten up by the whale who held him in his jaws for a considerable time. The mate still lives but is in a dangerous state. The next day we cut in the whale, made sail and shaped our course for Otaheite one of the Society Islands, where we intend to leave the mate. the whale made us about 80 barrels. we are now 9 months out. ^{March 14} Latitude 12° 20' - longitude 121° west -
March 14, 1849

End - writer evidently gave up - further writing of this journal for lack of time, etc. as reading will show.

Isles
Fragal
Cape Verd Islands
Santa
Cape Horn

at Sept. 16th
3 mos. out not duff oil quantity
Oct 18 - 17
Whales

Incidents of a Whaling
Voyage, around Cape Horn in the Ship - Plough-
boy [1848-49] Phelon - Master [of New Bedford, Mass.]

Folio unbound, pp. 48. * Written by an educated boy between his 17th + 18th. Birth day - sent to Sea for some misdeed which he repeats several times. This journal covers a period of months. June 16th. 1848 to March 14th. 1849. when the first sperm Whale was taken and rendered 80 blbs. oil - at a cost of one man killed and a mate almost chewed to death in the jaws of the whale. The writer evidently gave up any further writing of this journal thru lack of time & for other reasons as the contents would indicate. Mentions numerous other whalers met by the Ploughboy. and other happenings on board. A most interesting journal

Nov. 30th 5 1/2 mos
out - Jan. 29th 1848
This almost had his
Mate ~~shot~~
run out off by chance
when boat capsized
in trying to catch some
black fish
"messenger"
Catawba of
New Bedford

Lafayette of N. B.
Cargoes of N. B.
Death of Capt.
Cornell of the Lancaster
belonging to same owners
as the Ploughboy - killed
by a man falling on him
from the mizzen topsail
yard - Feb 19th into he was
taken down into the fern and
ague

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Mates Thomas S. Perkins of
Boston
Arthur of New Bedford Capt. Stoughton
Keturah off of N. B.
Copia (Capt. John) of New Bedford
Minerva of New Bedford
inform re loss of Ship
Henry of New B. wrecked
on coast of Fragal
Metikam of N. B.
India of N. B. Capt
Jerampane of
Boston