

Wednesday Apr 11<sup>th</sup> 1888.

Strong breeze from the E. ship on the wind worked up to Goat island but could not pass it to windward so we ship to the N again saw Sunday island.

Thursday Apr 12<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze from the E. ship on the wind working to the S. passed Goat island to the Eastward about two miles. saw Sunday island this morning, and Curtis rocks to night on the lee beam, bearing S W, saw fish. saw one sail a merchantman.

Friday Apr 13<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze and weather very squally wind E by N. ship on the wind at day light Benson raised a school of sperm whales to windward lowered three boats and the Waist boat struck took the whale along side about 1 o'clock too rugged to cut so let it lay Curtis rocks on the lee beam bearing N W from us. some distance <sup>20 miles</sup> off. broke out two bags flour.

Saturday Apr 14<sup>th</sup>

First part strong breeze and heavy swell from the N.E. middle and latter parts moderate at day light commenced to cut got through cutting and came on board about 5 o'clock P.M. nothing in sight. started the works.

Sunday Apr 15<sup>th</sup> 1888

Strong breeze from the N & by N. weather thick at 7 o'clock Mr Grass raised a school of sperm whales on the weather bow going to windward quick got the boats ready and beat the ship to windward but they went out of sight did not lower French rock in sight this morning bearing to the S W, weather thick and rainy to night employed boiling.

Monday Apr 16<sup>th</sup>

This day moderate breeze from the S W by S. about 2 P.M. Mr Grass raised a school of sperm whales on the lee beam lowered three boats and got two whales one to the Starboard and Waist boats got them along side about eight o'clock and made secure. Bow boat got fast but cut from him the whale run him out of sight of the ship and gave no chance to kill him. French rock in sight bearing N S W, Curtis rocks in sight to night bearing N N W. the whales went into the N. both a long way off.

Tuesday Apr 17<sup>th</sup>

Light breeze from the S W by S. with heavy swell at day light commenced to cut got them both cut in and one of the heads in about eight o'clock. let the other head lay over the side. Curtis rocks in sight bearing to the W. Goat island bearing N W distance 30 miles Curtis 20 miles off. weather good.