

23. This day arrived a canoe from Sarvanh with the news that a large tree was blown down yesterday which fell upon a house and killed four men.

24. Pleasant weather. Our chief out whaling; returned with no success. Invited to eat herring spawn.

25. Arrived a canoe from Sarvanh with five seals; our chief gave in return a musket.

26. This day one of the natives struck a whale and killed him. He gave to our chief nine hundred weight of the blubber.

27. Our chief out whaling; returned with no success. Invited to eat whale's blubber. There is such feasting amongst the natives whilst they have whale's blubber that they eat twenty times in the course of a day.

28. This day one of our chiefs struck a whale and killed it. This was good news for us, for now we shall live well for some time; the chief invited me to eat of the blubber, because I made the harpoon that killed the whale. He gave to me an hundred weight as a present.

29. This day there was a large feast of whale's blubber at our chief's house, after which his son performed a dance.

30. There is nothing but whale's blubber to eat in the whole village, for the natives are so lazy they will not go a fishing whilst they have any remaining.

*May 1, (Tuesday.)* Fine and clear weather. Our chief out whaling. Natives making oil to save for their winter stock to eat with dried salmon.

2. Natives boiling blubber to make oil. We live very well, for we boil a piece of blubber and gather young nettles to boil with it.

3. Natives employed as usual. Our chief out whaling; returned, no success.

4. Our chief out whaling; he is very angry because he has had no success this season.

5. Natives fishing. Invited to eat blubber.

6. Our chief out whaling; returned, no success. Went to prayers for our release.

7. There was a large feast at one of the chief's consisting of whale's blubber.

8. This day one of the natives told our chief, that last night he heard a big gun fired, saying it come from a ship. We went in the morning to look for her, but the weather being foggy, could not see her.

9. Employed making harpoons for our chief.