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from 8 to 13 blowing strong from S
S & wore ship to the westward head
ing W S W purled the courses and
close reefed the fore and main topsails
how long we are to be beating and beating
a boat here God only knows but
I hope it will not be longer if we had
been favoured with a milder passage
we should of been of Cape Horn at this
time but we are here and here we are
likely to remain

Thursday

15th Commenced blowing heavy from South
East Sailing by the wind on the Sabbath to
4:10 heading W S W under close reefed
fore and main topsails and double
reefed main and reefed foresail Middle part
more moderate set the reefed mainsail and
by brot the reef out out of the foremast latter part
monitors under single reefed topsails and courses latter
5:56 Lunar distance of the sun and moon employed
at mending an old sparker and picking
up a bow boat

Friday

16th Commenced with fine breeze from the westward
tacked to the Southward heading South the wind
all sail furled mending the sparker
opened a keg of butter found it rather
strong for to be pleasant saw some kind
of a whale did not make out what it
was but called him a killer rather east
the thermometer stands a 48 degrees middle
part light winds from the N. E. the
steering S W under all sail latter
part wind from Southward very light
and thick and fog saw a great
many birds employed cleaning muck

Saturday

17th First part the wind hauled S & light
weather fog of the prospect lies just
4:00 for a strong breeze middle part calm
saw heard penguins following latter part
6:00 light winds from East steering S S E
under all sail the foretop sail the latter
with 3 men on the yard at work my
self with them we all had the good for
tune to save our selves from pulling
the back in sight steering South

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Sunday

18th Commenced with strong breeze from
S steering S W under all sail the bark
in sight a stern employed at setting up for
stopgallant rigging from 4 A.M. to 1
P.M. strong breeze from N E steering
S by W under all sail at 2 P.M.
the wind hauled N W light accom-
panied with fog and at 4 hauled South
steering by the wind heading S S E
at 9 tacked to the westward and while
tacking sprung the main top gallant
yard but not letting go the weather bra-
ce sent it down and commenced to m-
ake a skew one saw humpbacks the bark
in sight off our lee beam

Monday

19th Commenced with light winds from S S E
steering by the wind heading W
2:30 S W under all sail with the 6 deck
one of the main top gallant sail
which is on deck waiting for a y-
ard to be made with the carpenter
is very busy at our friend the
bark has drawn to head of us since
2:00 we lost the use of the main top gall-
ant mast middle part light winds from
steering South latter part strong
breeze from S W steering South under
all crossed the main top gallant yard
and bent the sail the bark in sight
on our Starboard beam another sail
in sight a stern steering South saw
humpbacks luffed to the wind think-
ing they were right whales

Tuesday

20th Commenced with strong breeze from
W S W steering South S E under
all sail weather warm and pleasant for
this country we have nothing skew
the old ship looks the same and
the sick man in the steerage is as
quiet as a soldier under half pay
and is likely to remain so our great-
est trouble is the wind hauled a head
middle part light winds from W
latter part calm 9 sails under way to the
Southward