

15th February - 1852

Monday

1 Commenced with strong breeze from the westward steering by the wind heading S by W under all sail had heavy squalls of wind and hail when they came we closed down the top gallantsails till they pass over. February commences like a 10 in how it will end the last day will tell and when that comes we shall be in a soft climate than we are at present on deck the thermometer stands at 42 degrees the coldest we have had it since we left home. Middle part blowing strong steering by the wind heading S by W under reefed courses and close reefed topsails. Latter part strong winds till 10 o'clock then died a way to a calm saw the bark to the westward and 2 other sails all steering to the northward.

96 Monday

2 Commenced calm till 9 o'clock then had a light air from the southward steering S by W by S under all sail saw 3 sails steering the same course. Middle part light winds from S to W steering S by W by S under all sail at 4 o'clock the wind hailed S by W blowing fresh tacked to the south and head ing S by W at 10 o'clock the wind hailed W by S tacked to the northward heading S by W under all sail & sails accompanying with us all steering to the northward and very thick and foggy broke out the main hatch for bread.

97 Tuesday

3 Commenced as Monday ended with a thick fog and strong breeze from the westward steering by the wind heading S by W under all sail got no observation topsails we have a fair prospect of a dark and dreary night. One sail in sight the weather is so thick we cannot see the others. Middle part strong breeze from the westward steering by the wind heading S by W under double reefed topsails and courses. Latter part the same under single reefed topsails saw a sail off our lee quarter. The weather thick and foggy and very disagreeable. And fair well to the third day the fog we have left it the better.

18th February 1852

Tuesday

4 Commenced with strong breeze from the westward heading south till 2 o'clock at 1 o'clock then tacked to the southward heading S by W under double reefed topsails pulled the courses under at 3 o'clock pulled the fore top sail blowing strong first the lee board on the upper cross. Middle part the same pulled the foresail and close reefed the main top sail making a very good weather of the gale at 12 o'clock the wind hailed to the S by W more. Ship to the northward at one o'clock from set the fore sail at 2 doubled reefed fore and main topsails, and at 5 had all set with moderate breeze from the westward heading S by W passed a brig steering South at 6 o'clock. At 6 the wind hailed to the northward tacked to the southward heading S by W to west at 10 o'clock commenced to blow pulled the top gallantsails and doubled reefed the topsails we have not seen the sun moon or stars for 4 days we do not know where we are. It is not likely to find out very soon.

99 Wednesday

5 Commenced with strong winds from S by W pulled the main sail and gills and fore and main topsails close reefed the main and reefed the fore sail. Steering by the wind heading S by W at 4 o'clock pulled the foresail middle part blowing very heavy accompanied with heavy squalls at 11 o'clock at 11 the hailed S by W shipped a sea on the starboard quarter stove in the sky light that cup turn worked 3 months to build at 1 past 3 P.M. more ship to the westward heading S by W by west latter part more moderate set the fore and main topsails doubled reefed topsails and set the courses got observations the first for 4 days saw weight whale for the first time.