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 in sight but one bird got the reefes  
 hauled out of the topsails in the morning  
 but had to put them in again broke out  
 the brace and aired it and put in away  
 again

16 Strong breeze with heavy rain squall saw  
 frigates last night and took in sail in  
 the forenoon for a squall but set  
 the double reefed topsails again after  
 noon saw a humpback at five P.M.  
 and nothing more broke out for flour after  
 sunset P.M. and ends the day

17 Strong breeze with rain in the forenoon  
 and mid sail at three P.M. and took it  
 in at sunset and stood quarter watches  
 at night saw one dolphin bottom at anchor

18 We are liable to all sorts of changes in  
 the weather that is fact the complaints lie denied  
 for this day commences with a moderate  
 gale with heavy squall of wind and rain  
 and begins to let better at night  
 but the old man has took it in his  
 head to raise a hurricane and so we sent  
 down the royal and top gallant yards  
 and struck the royal mast and made  
 ready to loose the bowsprit and mizzen  
 struck the mainmast and hove to under a  
 close reefed mizen with the thumb nailed  
 up so ends the day to end a whole watches

19 This day commences with a moderate gale  
 and killed a littel at noon and kept off  
 S.W. and made sail to get back for  
 we have been carrying sail for the last  
 few days to get down into the lat of 16  
 and stoped one day in a gale of wind  
 and now we are bound back as though  
 the devil had kicked us into the bay

20 Strong breeze with nothing in sight but  
 bird run off all day South W and had a  
 heavy rain squall at night

21 This day commences with a calm and  
 continues so through the day dont our  
 royal masts up and crossed our top gallant  
 yards saw nothing nothing but some  
 dolphin

22 Commences with strong breeze  
 with nothing in sight and nothing to  
 do but a little rigging work saw the  
 the fore and mizzen topsails at half  
 past one so ends the day

23 This day commences with light winds  
 in the forenoon saw white water and  
 saw her and run for it but did not  
 make it out dead away calm after noon  
 and saw nothing more still engaged  
 with the rigging on a small scale

24 Commence with light breeze with nothing  
 in sight and ratted down one side of  
 the fore rigging at ends the day

25 Strong breeze and heavy sea saw white  
 water on the lee and rained in parts  
 at ten o'clock on our weather bow  
 along with us and had her on our lee  
 quarter at sunset they call it the  
 John Edwards so ends the day

John Edwards

26 Strong breeze in the morning with the  
 John Edwards in sight the wind died away calm  
 and we gamed all the afternoon and I  
 put one letter on board for the sea  
 in a month for home so ends the day

27 good breeze in the morning with rain  
 the P.M. still in sight rain continued  
 all day but the wind is lapping saw  
 nothing but one finback

28 Commence with light breeze with rain  
 made sail at day light and took it in  
 at ten o'clock and laid to all day saw  
 one finback

29 Commences with good breeze and clear  
 up the Florida and gamed with her  
 untill three P.M. when I raised two sperm  
 whales from her deck and dropt down  
 the boats and went right in I struck  
 one and the mate of the Florida he  
 atter and our line parted and lost  
 him but they saved their and we  
 chased the school till sunset but could  
 not strike the school had hand with  
 me for no other least description find  
 but one