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January the 1 1853

The first part of these twenty four hours commences with light winds from the E S E fine with the exception of rain squalls the watch employed about the rigging and other necessaries about the ship. The middle and last part strong winds from the S S E nothing of any note happened. This day from 10 miles there twenty four

Sunday Jan 2

This day fine weather with fresh breeze from S S E saw a sail from the mast head standing to the N W at half past 1 pm tack ship and stood to the Eastward at 4 P M tacked ship again and stood to the S W so ends this day

Lat 1.18 S Lon 30.18 W

Mon Jan 3 Lat 3.39 S Lon 35.58

These twenty four hours commences with fine weather with fresh breeze from S standing by the wind to the S W the watch employed in stripping down teeth and other necessaries at 6 P M saw a sail to the windward standing to the S W last part of these twenty four hours strong breeze from South at 6 P M haul down topsail fore and put one reef in there so ends this day

Tuesday Jan 4 Lat 4.41 S Lon 41 W

First part of these twenty four hours strong breeze from South fine weather the watch employed in tacking the starboard anchor last part fresh breeze from S E fine weather set up the fore top galant rigging &c so ends this day

Wednesday Jan 5 Lat 16.54 Lon 34.03

First part of these twenty four hours strong breeze from S.E. Steaming full on top to the south the watch employed in ships duty. Last part of these twenty four hours fine weather strong breeze from S.E. the watch employed at working on the rigging so ends this day

Thursday Jan 6

First part of these twenty four hours fine weather fresh breeze from S.E. steady on the wind to the southward the watch employed in securing on some letter on the fore topmast stays and packing onions for pickles. Last part fine weather light breeze from South last sent about standing sails home were the gear and set topmast standing sails so ends this day

Friday Jan 7

First part of these twenty four hours fine weather light breeze from S.E. Steaming S by W the watch employed on the rigging. Last part of the 24 hours fine weather light wind from S.E. Steaming S by W spoke out back letter of Maria from Rio de Janeiro bound to New Orleans the first mate boarded her and carried some paper and letters so ends this day

Sat Jan 8 Lat 14.27 Lon 33.54

This day commences with fine weather light winds from S.E. Steaming S by W the watch employed in ships duty &c. Last part fine weather wind S.E. Steaming S by W the watch employed in ships duty so ends this day

Sunday Jan 9 Lat 16.14 Lon 34.08

First part fine weather wind S.E. Steaming S by W the watch employed in riding &c. Last part fine weather light winds from S.E. Steaming S by W the watch employed in ships duty so ends this day

Monday Jan 10 Lat 17.47 Lon 34.10

First part these twenty four hours fine weather light breeze from S.E. Steaming S by W the watch in port at work on the rigging. Last part fine weather light winds from S.E. Steaming S by W the watch employed in ships duty so ends this day

Tuesday Jan 11 Lat 18.46 Lon 35.19

First part these twenty four hours fine weather the watch employed in ships duty &c. Last part squally weather with some rain saw a large sailing to the westward so ends this day

Wed. Jan 12

First part of these twenty four hours fine weather light winds from S.E. Steaming S by W the watch employed on the ships rigging &c. Last part of fine weather light winds from the North Steaming S by W the watch employed on the ships rigging &c. so ends this day

Thurs Jan 13 Lat 19.00 Lon 36.00 W

First part of these twenty four hours squally weather with thunder and lightning and rain saw a large ship standing to the S.W. took in miz top gallent sail and sheered last part fine weather with the watch employed on the rigging &c. so ends this day

Friday Jan 14. Lat 21.00 S Lon 36.50 W
First part of the day twenty four hours fine
weather strong breeze from N steering S W
the watch employed in picking over potatoes
and other sundries last part fine weather strong
breeze from N E steering S W the watch employd
on the riggers &c so ends this day

Sat Jan 15 Lat 23.22 S Lon 37.14 W
First part the day twenty four hours
fine weather weather fresh breeze from N E
steering S W bent new gels near
four topmast stay sail last part cloudy with
strong breeze from N E steering S W by W over
new gel sheets make some hatch bars lash
down down the hatches &c so ends this day

Sun Jan 16 Lat 26.01 S Lon 40.18 W
First part of the day twenty four hours
cloudy weather strong breeze from N E
steering S W by W took in topgallins
dubbed reef the topsails hoisted the boats
up on the upper cranes &c last part squally
weather wind N E steering S W so ends this day

Mon Jan 17
First part squally weather wind from S W to
to west the watch employ in taking in
sail and working ship &c last part fine
weather bent new maintopgallensail some
set riggers &c so ends this day

Tues Jan 18 Lat 30.02 S Lon 42.52 W
First part the day twenty four hours fine
weather strong breeze from N S W standing
on the wind S by W the watch employd
on the riggers &c

Wed Jan 19 Lat 31.58 S Lon 45.9 W
First part the day twenty four hours light wind
from W S W steering S W by W sent down
four top royal yard and mast set up front top
gallant riggers &c last part fine weather the watch
employd on the riggers so ends this day

Thurs Jan 20 Lat 33.27 S Lon 48.50 W
First part the day twenty four hours fine weather
light breeze from W steering S W the watch
employd on the riggers &c last part fine weather
the watch employd on the riggers &c so ends this day

Fri Jan 21 Lat 34.10 S Lon 49.57 W
First part the day twenty four hours fine weather
strong winds from south west the watch employd
sewing the carpenter's tools picking over &c
last part fine light winds from W S W
the watch employd on the riggers &c so ends this day

Sat Jan 22 Lat 35.00 S Lon 48.50 W
First part the day twenty four hours fine
weather the watch employd on the riggers
&c last part fine weather wind from N E
steering S W the watch employd on the riggers
&c so ends this day

Sun Jan 23 Lat 35.55 S Lon 46.59 W
First part fine weather wind N E steering
S W the watch employd on the riggers
last part fine weather light from N E steering S W
the watch employd on the riggers so ends this day

Mon Jan 24 Lat 37.19 S Lon 48.04 W
First part of the day twenty four hours fresh gale
from N S W blowing to under close red maintop sail
and four topmast stay sail bradded to the westward

Last part fresh breeze from S.W. steering S.W. by W
the watch implead on the rigging &c.

Thurs. Jan. 25 Lat 37.42 S Lon 50.11
First part severe twenty four hours storm
breeze from S.W. steering S.W. by W
took the River and went back in on deck
middle reef the topsails reef the mains
ail so ends this day last part rainy
with thunder and lightning strong breeze from
S.E. steering S.W. close reef the topsails
pudd the mainsail so ends this day

Wed. Jan 26 Lat 37.05 S Lon 51.13 W
First three twenty four hours moderate
gale from S.E. steering S.W.
thick weather ship under close reef
topsails & foremast last part fine weather
strong breeze from S.E. steering S.W. the water
improved in the rigging &c. so ends this day

Thurs. Jan 27 Lat 40.25 S Lon 51.55 W
First part severe twenty four hours common
sea with fresh gales from S.W. with the thun
der and lightning. felled the fore and
mizen topsails and foremast have the
ship to under close reef main topsail and
fore topsail staysail last part fresh
gale from S.W. lying to under short
sail so ends this day

Thurs. Jan 28 Lat 41.14 S Lon 52.25
First part severe twenty four hours fresh
gale from S.W. lying to under
short sail last part the same so ends
this day

Sat. Jan 29 1853 Lat 41.37 S Lon 52.50 W
First part first gale from S.W. lying to
under short sail last part the gale moderated
so dabled reef topsails and foremast so ends this day

Sun. Jan 30 Lat 42.25 S Lon 53.00 W
First part light winds from W and S.W.
with thunder and lightning and rain laid down
the topsails and dabled reef them on field the main
sail last part fresh breeze from S.W. so ends this

Mon. Jan 31 Lat 42.27 S Lon 53.42 W
First part fine weather first breeze from S.W. turned
the ship out the topsails reef the main topsails
last part strong breeze from S.W. with rain close
reef the topsails and joined the jib and mainsail
steering S by W started water flower
mollusks &c. so ends this day

Tues. Feb 1 Lat 44.12 S Lon 56.16 W
First part of severe twenty four hours strong
breeze from S.W. steering full and by to the
westward under dable reef topsails jib and mainsail
last part fresh breeze from S.W. reef out the
main topsail and reef the main topsails so ends this
day

Wed. Feb 2 Lat 44.40 S Lon 55.00 W
First part severe twenty four hours heavy
gale from S.W. bore the ship to under close
reef main topsail fore topsail staysail
saw a ship to the windward about Yankee
color last part heavy gales from S.W. lying
to under short sail so ends this day

Thurs. Feb 3 Lat 44.05 S Lon 55.35 W
Severe twenty four hours commences with fresh
breeze from S.W. reef the fore and mizen
topsails close reef and fore sail stand in use the wind

last part light breeze from S.W. turned the
up, out the topsails set the main topgallensail
standing to the S. so ends this day

Thurs Feb 4 Lat 44,25 S Lon 56,00 W
First part there twenty four hours light breeze
from N.E. thick foggy steering S.W.
last part fine weather wind from N.E. steering
saw a ship steering S.W. supposed
to be a Whaler named round the cape
ends this day

Fri Feb 5 Lat 45,37 S Lon
There twenty four hours commences with
fresh breeze from N.E. steering S.W. the
watch employed in working ship &c.
last part part breeze from N.W. steering S.W.

Sun Feb 6 Lat 47,06 S Lon 57,50 W
There twenty four hours commences with
strong breeze from W. took in topgallensails
doubled reef the topsails last part fresh
gales from W.S.W. bore the ship to windward
lost reef maintopsail and bore topsail
stayrail with a prospect &c. ends this day

Mon Feb 7 Lat 48,12 S Lon 58,57 W
There twenty four hours commences with fresh
breeze from W.S.W. set the fore and main
topsails lost reef and foresail last part fresh
breeze from the north from north to south
at 1 P.M. took in foresail fore and maintopsail
and bore the ship to windward to the westward

Tues Feb 8 Lat 48,9 S Lon 61,57 W
First part there twenty four hours fine
weather light breeze from the westward made all
all sail up and went to the southward

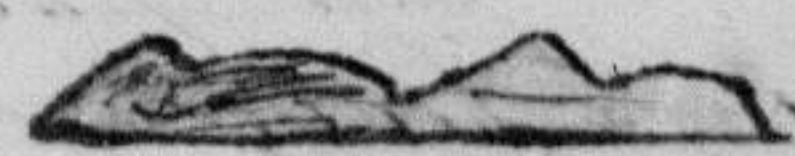
last part fine weather light breeze from N.W. steering
saw nothing doing except working ship

Wed Feb 9 Lat 49,25 S Lon 61,34 W
First part there twenty four hours
light breeze from N.W. steering S the watch
employed in making out weather and
provisions &c. at 5 P.M. catch a porpoise
last part fine weather light breeze from N.W.
steering S by W. so ends there twenty four hours

Thurs Feb 10 Lat 50,54 S Lon 62,26 W
First part there twenty four hours fine
weather weather light breeze from N.W.
steering S by W. bore the log at 5 P.M.
found the ship to be going 8 1/2 knots
last part fine weather light breeze from S.W. by W.
steering south saw a large number of finbacks
the watch employed in making boats gets 80

Fri Feb 11 Lat 52,39 S Lon 62,40 W
There twenty four hours commences with fine
light breeze winds at 5 P.M. took ship building
S.S. & large quantity of finbacks in sight &c.
last part fine weather light breeze from N.W. steering
S.E. at 10 P.M. round station land bearing
south.

Sat Feb 12 Lat 53,42 S Lon 63,00 W
There twenty four hours commences
with fresh breeze from north steering south
by east at 4 P.M. station land bore W
8 miles distance took a storm current the
nothing to the S.E. last part luteless
from the north steering S.E. so ends this day



Sun Feb 13 Lat 54,37 S Lon 64,16 W
Thence twenty four hours commence with
squally weather with rain. hauled the topgallant
sails, jib and spanker, close reef the topsails at
4 AM reefed out the topsails set the main
topgallant jib and spanker at 4 AM spoke
with a Cherokee ship also saw to ships to the
leeward steaming N E last part squally
weather with fine north steaming S W by W

Mon Feb 14 Lat 55,20 S Lon 65,12 W
Thence twenty four hours commence
with fresh breeze from the north with
showers of rain steaming S W by W
exchange signals with an english barque
steaming E E last part fresh breeze from
North steaming S W by W

Tues Feb 15 Lat 56,14 S Lon 67,19 W
Thence twenty four hours commence with
fresh breeze from W steaming S W and by
last part fresh breeze from N N E
steaming west

Wed Feb 16 Lat 58,04 S Lon 69,23 W
Thence twenty four hours commence
with fresh breeze from N N E steaming W
last part moderate gale from W S W
have the ship to under close reef main
topsail

Thurs Feb 17 Lat 58,15 S Lon 70,59 W
Thence twenty four hours commence with
fresh breeze from N E steaming W by W
saw two ships to the leeward steaming the
same last part fresh breeze from S to south
at 4 AM had the ship under
close reef fore and main topsail

Fri Feb 18 Lat 57,16 S Lon 74,04
Thence twenty four hours commence
with fresh breeze from W by S steaming on
the wind to the westward saw a large ship to the
windward steaming the same last part fine weather
the wind from S W

Sat Feb 19 Lat 57,02 S Lon 74,10 W
Thence twenty four hours commence with
the winds from S W fine weather for Cape
horn, last part the wind from S W nearly
fine for the season

Sun Feb 20 Lat 57,37 S Lon 75,00 W
Thence twenty four hours commence with fine
weather the breeze from the north steaming W by W
last part fine weather the breeze from the N E

Mon Feb 21 Lat 57,05 S Lon 76,30 W
Thence twenty four hours fine weather
fresh breeze from S E steaming W S W at two
AM set a foresail last part fresh breeze
from S W steaming N W

Tues Feb 22 Lat 58,30 S Lon 77,20
Thence twenty four hours commence with
fresh breeze from W S W steaming N N W
last part the same part an English Brig
steaming the same

Wed Feb 23 Lat 52,35 S Lon 79,05 W
Thence twenty four hours commence with
fresh breeze from N W standing on the wind
to the westward saw a large american ship
standing the same way last part strong
breeze from S W thick fog

Thurs Feb 24 Lat 52.00 S Lon 79.40
 Whase twenty four hours commences with
 fresh breeze from N.W. with foggy and rain
 last part fresh breeze from N.W. by W.
 clear weather with a heavy sea running from
 N.W.

Fri Feb 25 Lat 51.40 S Lon 80.19 W
 Whase twenty four hours commences
 with fresh breeze from N.W. clear and cold
 steering on the wind to the north
 last part fresh breeze from N.W. thick
 weather close reef the topsails and reef the
 foresail so ends this day

Sat Feb 26 Lat 51.35 S Lon 80.50 W
 Whase twenty four hours commences
 with fresh breeze from N.W. foggy with
 some rain a heavy sea running from
 N.W. last part the wind hauled to the
 west made at sail on the ship and steered N by W

Sun Feb 27 Lat 51.00 S Lon 80.22 W
 Whase twenty four hours commences with
 fine weather fresh breeze from N.W. steering
 N by W fine weather per observation the last
 part fine weather fresh breeze from N.W. steering
 N by W

Mon Feb 28 Lat 48.37 S Lon 80.30 W
 Whase twenty four hours commences with
 fresh breeze from N.W. steering on the wind
 to the N. last part fresh breeze from N.W.
 steering on the wind to the N

Tues March 1 Lat 47.28 S Lon 78.40 W
 Whase twenty four hours commences with
 fresh breeze from N.W. with some rain and
 foggy but the ship to under short sail in green
 weather saw a Bark to the windward steering N.

Remarks On Board Ship George Thompson

Last part Whase twenty four hours fine weather
 like breeze from S.S.E. steering N.W. at 6 P.M.
 streak a porpoise holded about and cleaned it and
 hung it up on the main stay 

Wed March 2 Lat 46.30 S Lon 78.10 W
 First part Whase twenty four hours fine weather
 light winds from S.S.E. steering N.W. by N saw
 an American Bark steering the same way
 last part thick weather at 10 A.M. the wind hauled
 to the N.W. and sett in thick foggy

Thurs March 3 Lat 45.21 S Lon 78.17 W
 Whase twenty four hours commences with fresh
 breeze from N.W. steering by the wind to
 the north last part strong breeze from
 N.W. thick foggy steering on the wind
 to the north

Fri March 4 Lat 43.56 S Lon 78.40 W
 Whase twenty four hours commences
 with fresh breeze from N.W. thick foggy
 and some rain last part fresh breeze from
 N.W. at 3 A.M. dabled reef the topsails
 the wind hauled to the N steering N by W

Sat March 5 Lat 41.55 S Lon 78.10 W
 First part Whase twenty four hours like
 breeze from S.W. steering N.W. W. wind
 all sail on the ship last part fine
 weather like winds from S.S.W. steering
 N.W. stent the main royal mast and yard
 aloft so ends this day.

Sund March the 6 Lat 40,29 S Lon 78,00 W
Thurs twenty four hours commences with
like winds from S W steering N W the
watch employed in starting fresh water from
the main hatch last part fine weather like
last day S W steering N W

Mon March the 7 Lat 38,32 Lon 78,01 W
Thurs twenty four hours commences with
fine weather like breeze from S W steering
N W last part fine with fresh breeze from
south steering N W by N sent the four rats
on board and spout aloft

Tues March the 8 Lat 36,45 S Lon 78,09 W
Thurs twenty four hours commences with
fresh breeze from south steering N W by N
at 5 o'clock A M parted with the ship Rebecca
sims capt Gordon of New Bedford 41
months out 1800 ship homebound bound
three days from Tuckermans Last part
fresh breeze from S E steering N W at 8 P M
spoke with the Bark Vigilant capt Dobbins &
me out 200 lbs

Wed March the 9 Lat 34,13 S Lon 78,20 W
Thurs twenty four hours commences with
fresh breeze from S E steering N W at
1 o'clock A M made the Island of Jean Pierre
dear at 3 A M left to on the N side of the
island and parted with the Vigilant and
Bark Eugenea capt Wood 19 mo out 1200
ships also saw the Isidorena Ellis 4 mo
15:00 at 5 P M saw the yards and
steered N W Last part fresh breeze from S E
steering N W

Thurs March the 10 Lat 31,30 S Lon 78,00 W
This day commences with like breeze from S E
steering N W for the Island of St Philip
Last like breeze from south last steering N W

Fri March the 11 Lat 29,27 S Lon 78,10
This day commences with like breeze from S E steering
N W by N frequently rain squalls Last part like
breeze from S E steering N W by N so ends this day

Sat March the 12 Lat 28,59 S Lon 78,90
This day commences with like winds from
S E steering N W by N last part fine
weather at 6 P M turned the boats up and
painted them so ends this day

Sun March the 13 Lat 28,91 S Lon 80,33
This day commences with like winds from
N W standing on the wind to the N E at 4 P M
turned the boats on the cranes again
Last part fine weather like winds from N steering
on the wind to the North so ends this day

Mon March the 14
First part of Thurs twenty four hours
commences with fine weather like breeze from
W S W steering N W by N last part
fine weather like breeze from S E steering
N W at 7 P M made the Island of
St Philip

Tues March 15 Lat 27,20 S Lon 81,10
This day commences with fine weather
took the South East track at 2 A M
toward two boats and pulled on shore
for fish but did not get any Last
part fine weather fresh breeze from S E
steering N W

Wed March the 16 Lat 25.00 S Lon 82.00
Thous twenty four hours commences with
fine weather fresh breeze from S E steering
N W Last part fresh breeze from S E
steering N W

Thurs March the 17 Lat 23.30 S Lon 82.40
This day fine weather fresh breeze from S E
steering N W the watch employed in
on the ships riggers row ends this day

Friday March the 18 Lat 20.45 S Lon 85.50
This day commences with fine weather fresh
breeze from S E steering N W
Last part fine weather like breeze from S E
steering N W by W

Sat March the 19 Lat 18.17 S Lon 86.58 W
This day commences with fine weather fresh
breeze from S E steering N W by W in the
the shanks and repaired it and bent it again
Last part fine weather like breeze from S E
steering N W by W

Sun March the 20 Lat 16.32 S Lon 88.50
Thous twenty four hours commences
with fine weather like breeze from S E
steering N W by W Last part fine weather
like breeze from S E steering N W by W

Mon March the 21 Lat 14.26 S Lon 88.51 W
This day commences with fine weather like
breeze from S E steering N W by W
Last part fine weather fresh breeze from S E
steering N W at 6 P M commenced
baking out meat and cooperings it

Tue March the 22 Lat 12.24 S Lon 91.07 W
This day commences with fresh breeze from
S E steering N W the watch employed
in coopering meat and other provisions
Last part fresh breeze from S E steering N W
the watch employed in coopering meat and other
provisions so ends this day

Wed March the 23 Lat 10.00 S Lon 93.00 W
Thous twenty four hours commences with
light wind from S E steering N W
the watch employed in coopering provisions
Last part the same

Thurs March the 24 Lat 7.30 S Lon 95.10
This day commences with strong breeze from
S E steering N W the watch emp in
coopering provisions Last part the wind S E
steering N W the watch employed in coopering
provisions

Fri March the 25 Lat 6.48 S Lon 96.20
This day commences with fine weather light
wind from S E steering N by S the
watch employed in coopering provisions &c
Last part wind and weather the same finished
coopering provisions at 4 P M washed of decks &c

Sat March the 26 Lat 5.10 S Lon 98.10 W
Thous twenty four hours commences
with fine weather fresh breeze from S E
steering N by S Last part fine weather
fresh breeze from S E steering N by S

Sun March the 27 Lat 3.50 S Lon 100.10
This day fine weather light breeze from S E
steering N by S the watch employed in making
shampooed row three firelocks

On the shore ground
Thurs March the 28 Lat 5° 00' S Lon 103° 00' W
Clear part fine weather fresh breeze from S E
steering W by S, last part the same

Fri. March the 29 Lat 4° 30' S Lon 105° 30' W
This day fine weather fresh breeze from S E
steering W S W the water employed
in making sperm oil

Sat March 30 Lat 4° 00' S Lon 108° 00'
This day fine weather fresh breeze from S E
steering W S W the water employed in
making sperm oil

Sund March 31 Lat 3° 50' S Lon 110° 00'
This day fine weather fresh breeze from
S E steering W by S the water employed
in making sperm oil

Mon April 1 Lat 3° 00' S Lon 112° 10'
This day fine weather light breeze from S E
steering N W the water employed in
making sperm oil so ends this day

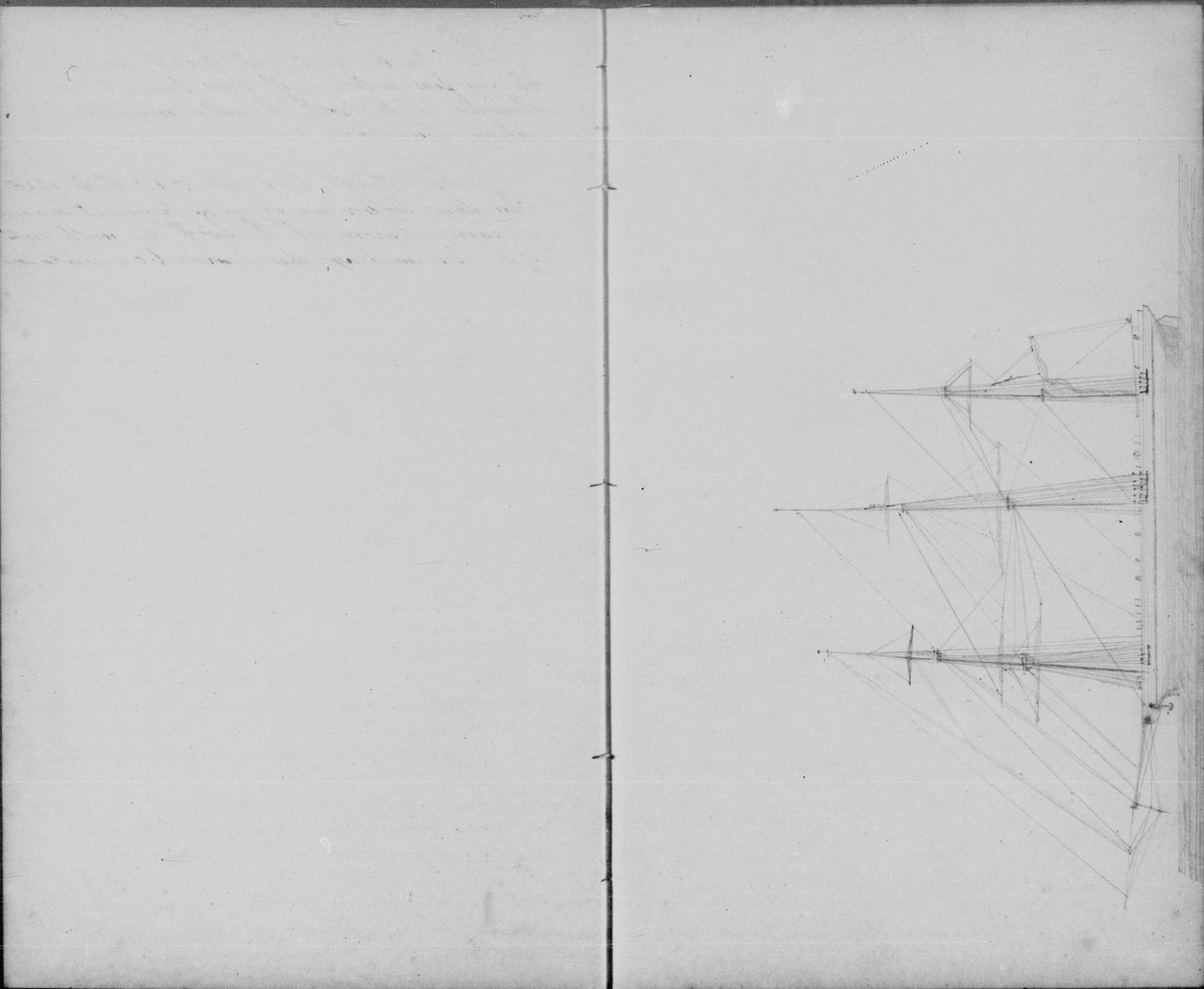
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This day fine weather fresh breeze from E S E
steering N W the water employed in making
sperm oil &c so ends this day

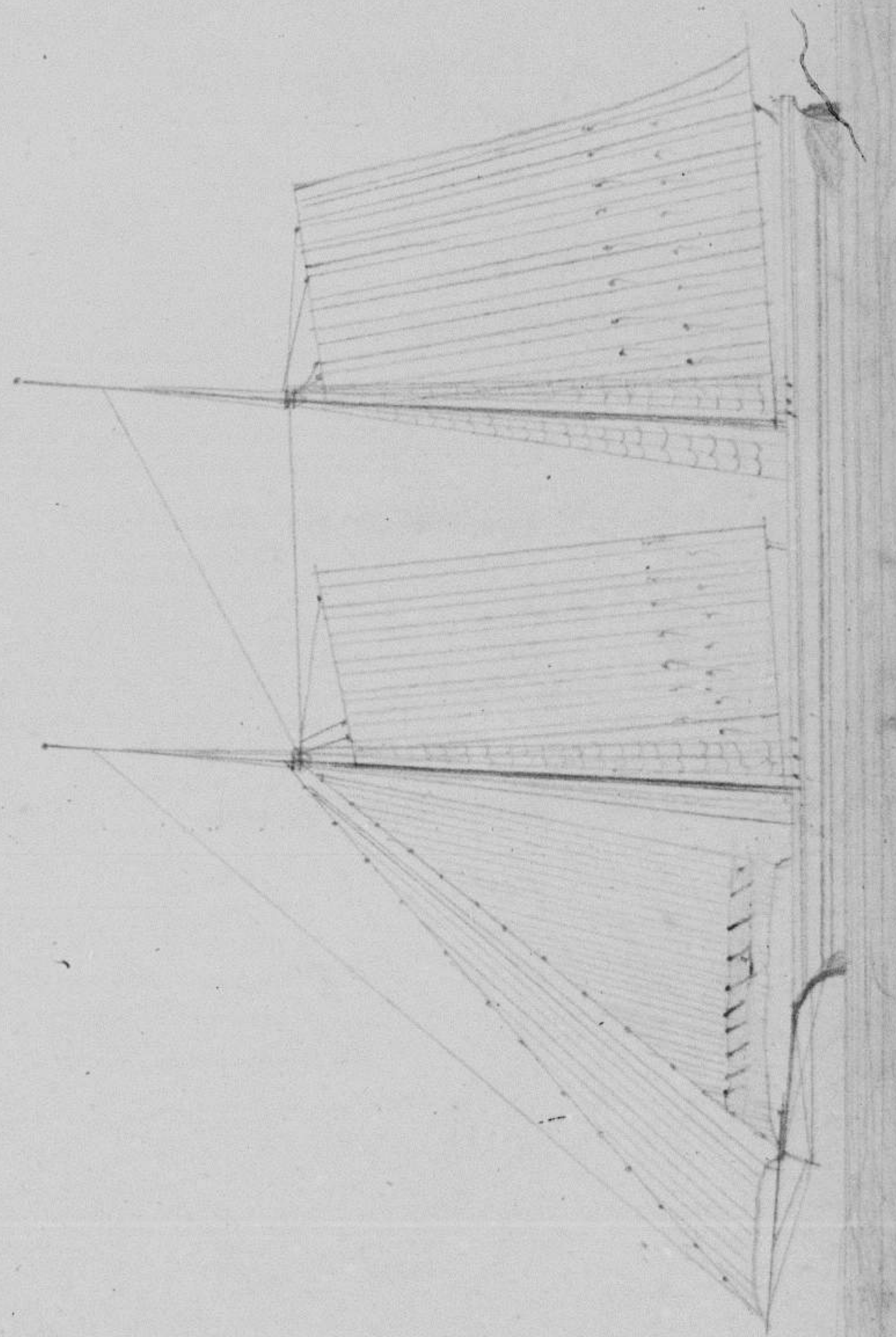
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steering N W so ends this day

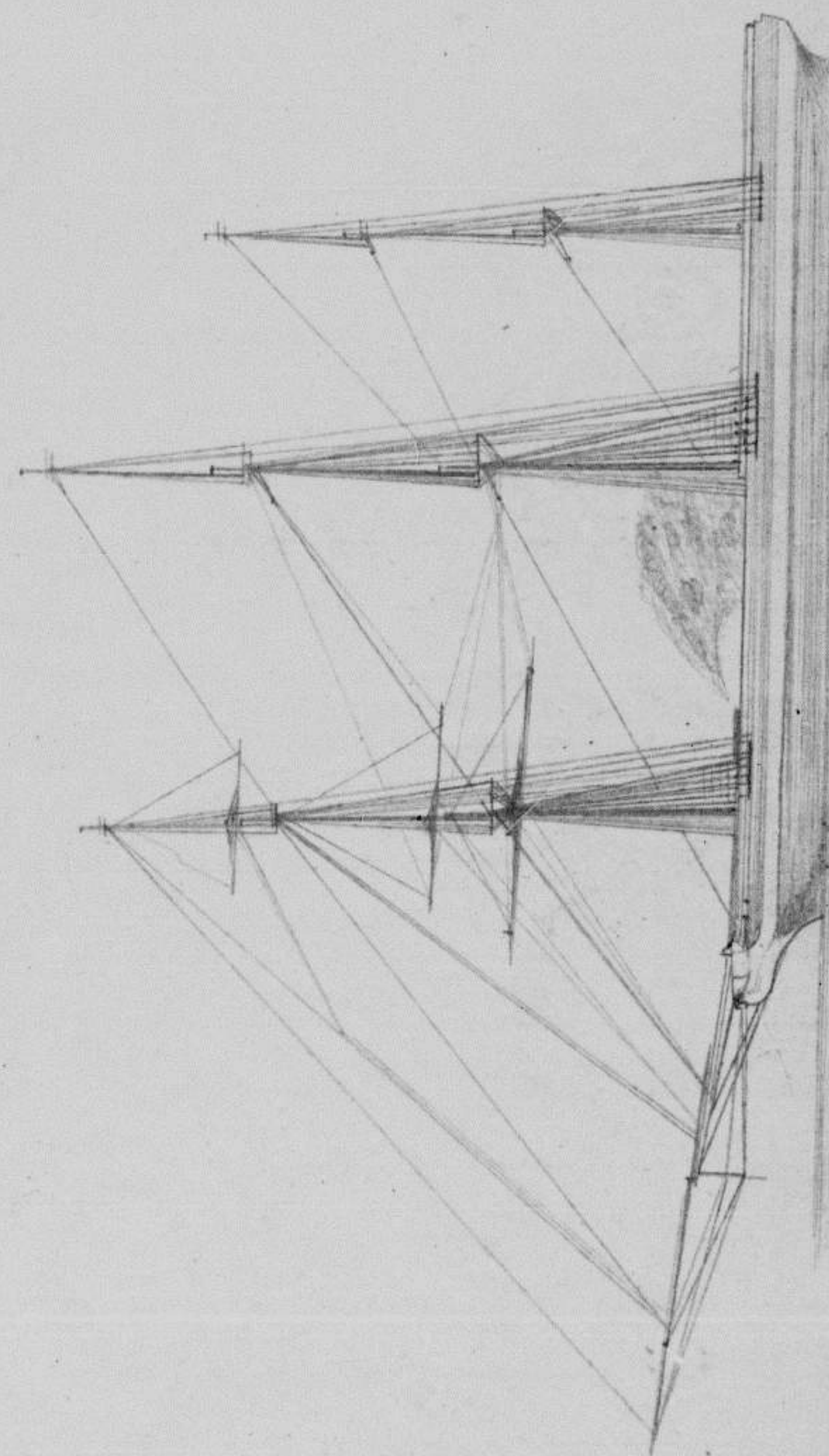
Thurs April 4 Lat 1° 40' S Lon 120° 30'
This day fine weather light breeze from
E S E steering N W the water employed
in making sperm oil

Fri April the 5 Lat 2° 28' S Lon 121° 52'
This day fine weather light breeze from E S E
steering N W by E the water employed in
making sperm oil &c

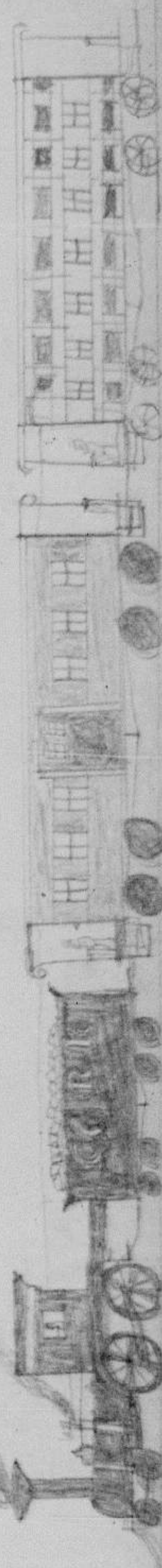
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This day light wind with frequent showers
of rain steering N W by E the water employed
in making sperm oil &c so ends this day

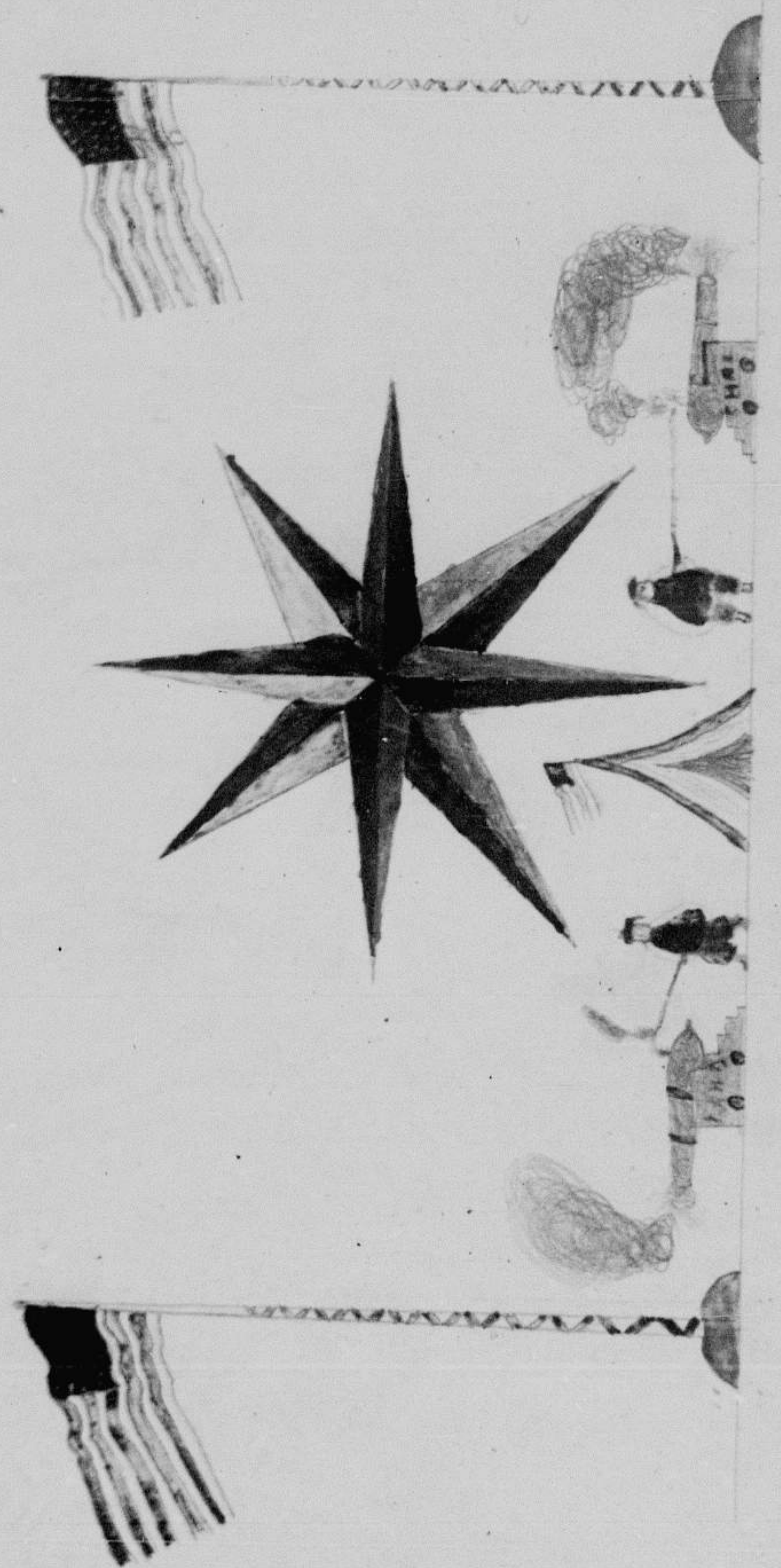


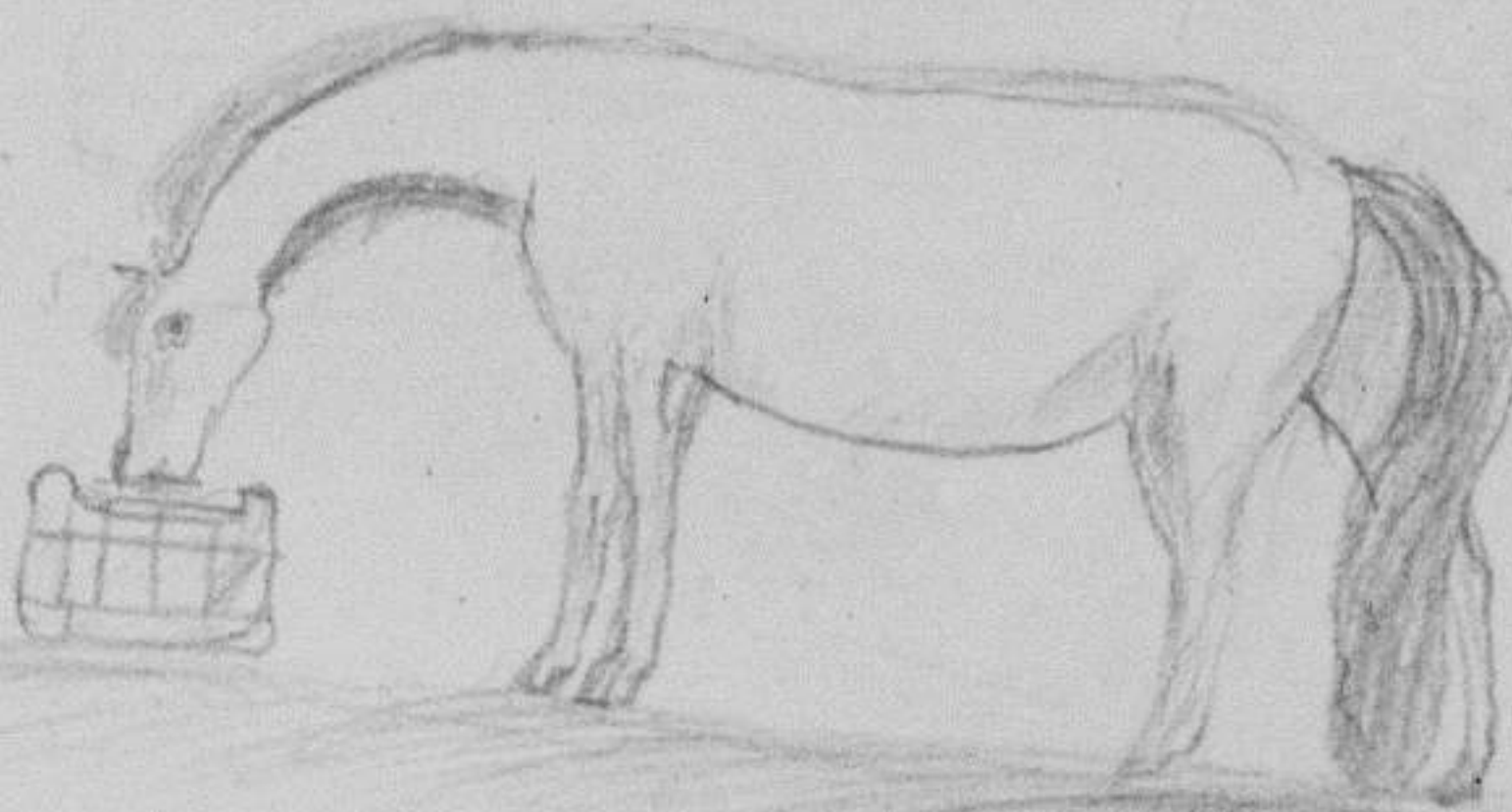




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November the 28 1851

Ship George Howland Capt
Wright sailed from New Bedford bound
to the South Pacific and Arctic ocean
via Cape Horn —