

and those who were not with the exception of the Steward were really much better.

Being now on whale ground the boats and every thing pertaining to them were fast being put in apple pie order for immediate use if required. At 3 P.M. wind hauled to N.E. & we changed our course to N. by E. Saw nothing during the day which ended finely.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Light westerly wind and pleasant. Saw several sails but spoke none. Blackfish were also seen but at such a distance that we did not lower Steward some better. Myself rather unwell illness caused by a cold I brought from home. Lat. 36° 07' Lon. 72° 20'

June 4<sup>th</sup>

No change in wind and weather. At 1 P.M. saw a large fish at a long distance supposed to be a humpback. At 3. broke out water at which time I began to recover with considerable appetite. Lat. 34° 50' Lon. 73° 10'

June 8<sup>th</sup>

The last 3 days in wind and weather has been quite uniform and

all hands are now well and doing duty. At 2 P.M. broke out for bread and flour and saw two sails to leeward. I find that sailors are a consumptive race and require to be freshly fed. There is something in a sea life which gives a hearty relish to the coarsest kind of food though it admits of but little variety.

At 6 P.M. a sail was discovered running for us as soon as she was seen from off deck we hauled back for her. She was soon within hail. Spoke her proved to be Bark N. D. Capt. Chase of Beverly 6 months out with 90 bbl's Sperm and C. K. fish. I now anticipated a "gam" but was for the day disappointed as her Capt. came on board for the purpose of getting a cache of bread and after making the necessary arrangements it being late returned on board of his own vessel and we stood along together. The weather continued pleasant with wind fresh and changing. Lat. 33° 20' Lon. 73° 14'.

June 9<sup>th</sup>

Fair and light gales from the N. Saw several sails this morning among which the Chase some five miles off our lee quarter we having headed away from her in consequence