

February 6th 1884.

Wind continued blowing till about 10. this morning when it came S. and died away to a fine breeze and sea going down. We favored in cutting and commenced boiling at 11 A.M. Last at night saw a sail to windward Lat $32^{\circ}29'$ Long $2^{\circ}30'$ E.

Feb. 7.

Wind and weather continues fine. Finished boiling this forenoon and got about 25 bls from the whale a small fare but rich at the present price of oil. Still under double reefed topsails Lat $32^{\circ}36'$ Long $2^{\circ}56'$ E.

Feb. 9.

Yesterday had light winds from N. N. W. During the night increased and to day we are under double reefed topsails. A rugged sea on Lat $31^{\circ}57'$ Long $4^{\circ}37'$ E.

Feb. 10.

Commenced at last 24 hours but towards night wind abated and soon after changed to N. W. by W. and sailing Lat $31^{\circ}00'$ Long $5^{\circ}44'$

Feb. 11. Rained during the greater part of the night but fair and light breeze

this morning from S. E. Shook out reefs and set M. S. G. sail and fly jib. Made 2 tacks and also a large white water but saw it not again and could not make it out Lat $30^{\circ}18'$ Long $6^{\circ}05'$

Feb. 14.

During the last two days no change of route. Last night wind ~~and~~ died away to nearly a calm and continued thus through the day. Making slight progress. A large merchant ship was in sight this morning bound to St. Helena. Capt. went on board of her taking letters with him to be sent home. Unfortunately for myself as well as for those who might wish for them I had none written and therefore lost the opportunity. Calculating on the chances of writing from St. Helena where we shall probably be in about 2 months I thus neglected to write at the present time. Strange to say did not learn the ship's name. She was an English man.

Afternoon lowered away for a squalid Boat. Steer struck him with a harpoon as he was lying still on the water and we took him on board for the liver oil which is quite valuable in rheumatic complaints. This had the least resemblance to a fish of any thing I have yet seen. About the size of one of our hatchets and not much better shaped.