

But notwithstanding its awkward appearance swims with wonderful rapidity when startled and are known to breach clean out of water. Lat. $27^{\circ}13'$ Lon. $7^{\circ}50'$ E.

Feb. 15th 1854

Very light airs from S. E. and splendid weather. Saw several sails spoke none Lat. $26^{\circ}34'$ S. Lon. $8^{\circ}26'$ E.

Feb. 16.

Continues fine without change the take in sail at night as we are on good whaling ground. All well and kicking owing doubtless to the influence of pleasant charms of the atmosphere Lat. $25^{\circ}18'$ Lon. $8^{\circ}31'$

Feb. 17

Strong breezes from same quarter evidently the trades. At 3 P. M. M^{rs} Bark Oregon Capt. Perry formerly Capt Babcock who left sick. From Greenport 5 months out 250 whale 75 S^{pr} and boiling Lat. $23^{\circ}14'$ Lon. $9^{\circ}08'$

Feb. 18.

Commencing cloudy. Trades strong and well to Southward. To night blowing a gale. Double reefed Lat. $22^{\circ}50'$ Lon. $9^{\circ}40'$

Feb. 19. Sunday

Gale continues. Seas running mountains high. Saw 2 sails Lat. $23^{\circ}08'$ Lon. $8^{\circ}34'$

Feb. 20.

Still lying to and no change in the weather which we all feel to be very disagreeable. The deck constantly wet and bark rolling badly. Of course we are now somewhat used to unpleasant weather. Still we look with an anxious gaze for some signs of better Lat. $23^{\circ}06'$ Lon. $8^{\circ}36'$

Feb. 21.

Weather more promising. Wind abated a little. Saw a sail to windward Lat. $22^{\circ}51'$ Lon. $9^{\circ}05'$

Feb. 22.

Prospect gradually improving this morning and to night quite fine with whole topsails. Made a sail to leeward likely the one we saw yesterday to windward appears to be a whaler and under shortened sail Lat. $22^{\circ}20'$ Lon. $9^{\circ}40'$

Feb. 23.

A lovely day and moderate breezes from S. E. spoke the bark Killisnoe