

February 27th 1884

A disagreeable day the wind having risen during the night now blows strong from S.E. and sea getting rough again. Double reefed toptails.
Lat. 22° 46' Lon. 9° 18'

Feb. 28.

Wind and weather continues ^{as usual} unpleasant. Still under shortened sail Lat. 23° 0' Lon. 9° 15'

March 1.

The weather to day more moderate and pleasant. Turned out reefs.

Raised a sail just after dinner and about 6 P.M. Spoke her, proved to be the Bark Joseph Butler Capt. Mayhew New Bedford 22 months out 950 Sp^{rs} and 150 whales. "What a star of good luck has she met with would that we might go and do likewise" Lat. 23° 23' Lon. 9° 10'

March 3.

Like the last 24 hours this day has been fine with light breezes and all sail. Most of the day employed in giving our boats a coat of paint. We are steering westerly for St. Helena under easy sail Lat. 23° 22' Lon. 8° 06'

March 4.

Saw several shoats could not make them out. Towards night a brig hove in sight steering nearly N. I find we are not to leave this ground quite yet. Hoping to be rewarded by stopping a little longer Lat. 23° 06' Lon. 9° 18'

March 5. Sunday

Wind and weather continues fine this morning. But afternoon wind high and seas rising rapidly. Double reefed the main and took in fore toptails jib and Spanker. Bids fair for an uncomfortable night Lat. 22° 29' Lon. 10° 19'

March 6.

The gale continues unabated and remarkable seas running. Close reefed maintop sail Lat. 23° 10' Lon.

March 7.

No change a wet and uncomfortable deck. But still we should be thankful that we are blest with a high sail around our bark for large quantities of water which would otherwise come over are thus kept off. To night there is some prospect of better weather soon. A few days like this seems a long time now that we have nothing to do but look at each other or read Lat. 23° 17' Lon. 8° 32'