

August 20th/1854. Sunday

During the 18th and 19th we lay under double reefed topsails and storm sails in an ugly sea with very disagreeable weather. Last night gale abated and this morning commenced with fine light breezes which lasted till a squall of wind and rain came about 11 A.M., then terminated in good weather. Saw finbacks. No obs.

August 21.

No change except a dinner of fresh and lately these are scarcely regarded in the light of change being so frequent. Our fruit however is nearly gone. To night took in light sails. Lat 19° 11' Lon. 6° 41' W.

August 22.

No remarkable change in wind and weather but finbacks and porpoises there's no counting them for large numbers the water has been darkened several shades by school aft school of the latter coming close to us but as they didn't come under our bows got none. Lat 19° 57' Lon. 5° 49' W.

August 23.

Commencing pleasant middle part fresh gales and light rain, but ending in good weather. Slaughtered another grunter towards the close. Plenty of fresh hork but fresh society is mostly wanting. Lat 19° 04' Lon. 4° 40' W.

August 24.

Commenced blowing fresh last night and continued to day with sea rising. All day Cloudy. Afternoon double reefed st. sails no obs.

August 25.

This morning wind came into the S. by and lighter the most favorable we have had for making southern. Afternoon repaired an old topsail and jib. To night I lost a hat over board which is about the same I have lost the voyage by various accidents. Several others have parted with more or less. Lat 19° 51' Lon. 3° 40' W.

August 26.

A pleasant day with light head winds. Saw grampuses. Had a fine dinner much improved by the addition of a large duff stuffed with plums and light as cork. Killing gutter snipes is yet one of the events of the day. These hold out the last of seabird relief if we except a few parrots and parrots to feed them on. Lat 18° 56' Lon. 3° 22' W.

Sunday August 27.

Another fine day but wind dead ahead or nearly so being about S. by E. Saw spouts toward night looked like grampuses. Could not positively determine as we saw them but a few times. Lat 19° 20' Lon. 2° 16' W.