

Sept. 20th 1854.

Wind from the N.E. and moderate
 Saw a sail ahead as we were steering
 S. by E. Probably a merchantman bound
 to. All the afternoon have been afflicted
 by a severe headache and shall turn in
 soon. Lat 35° 00' Lon. 1° 40' E.

Sept 21.

Fresh gales and changing with frequent
 showers of rain. Saw one sail very distant
 No obs.

Sept. 22.

The wind died away about 12 o'clock
 last night and what a contrast is now
 presented to the weather we have generally had
 for some days back. A perfect dead calm
 and a long swell on. This constitutes the
 variety of a sea life. No obs.

Sept. 23.

With the small exception of a gentle
 breeze from the N. there is no change to day
 2 Pigs expire by the knife Lat 37° 47' Lon. 1° 20'

Sept. 24. Sunday.

About 1 o'clock in the night wind
 began to increase and to day it has been blown
 a living gale from S. E. The sea rising
 rapidly double reefed before noon at which time
 had some rain. Afternoon wind hauled into

S. W. and ceased raining but if possible blowing
 harder Took in A. I. sail so night the seas
 come dashing over our bows and our decks
 are constantly wet but we realize the blessing
 of a high sail and a flaring bow and
 when we think of some of the sharp and
 narrow Clippers we have seen which unlike
 ourselves are capable of diving into it to a
 degree astonishing we feel or try to feel comfortable
 But it has been altogether an unpleasant
 Sabbath and the barometer indicates no
 favorable change for tomorrow Lat 37° 57' Lon. 1° 25'

Sept. 25.

As predicted there is no favorable
 change wind continues from same quarter but
 no rain. Lat 37° 22' Lon. 1° 10' W.

Sept 26.

This morning the gale began to taper
 off but the sea is still rugged and towards
 night wind rising again so we have got
 no more sail on We are now far enough to
 the S. and are well to the eastward in
 hopes of anticipating the whales as they strike
 on the ground With a favorable breeze we
 shall soon get to the westward where our
 hopes are centered for the season Lat 36° 25' Lon 2° 00'

Sept 27.

Wind N. W. and quite strong weather clear
 sea less rugged Set A. I. sail double reefed Lat 36° 30' Lon 2° 10'