

Sept. 28th 1854

Still rugged. Wind changed to Eastward.
During the day under the same sail as last
24 hours to night took in mainsail coming
on thick and looks like rain. Lat 37° 08' Lon 21°

Oct. 1. Sunday.

During the last two days except some there
has been no change and nothing in sight.
These 24 hours continues to blow quite hard
and some rain. No obs.

Oct. 2.

Commencing with strong gales shook
out reefs. Afternoon wind and sea going
down and to night quite moderate again.
Are now in the vicinity of our cruising ground
and shorten sail at night Lat 37° 11' Lon 51°

Oct. 3.

Fair without change saw nothing Lat.
37° 15' Lon. 60° 00' W.

Oct. 4.

Morning coming on, rugged. Caught
a porpoise and had a part cooked for supper.
Some time since we had one relished well.
No obs.

Oct. 5.

Wind from S.W. blowing a gale.
Lying to under short sail. No obs. And Courage doubtful

Oct. 7.

Yesterday no change and last night had
a bad time of it. The sea being mountains
high kept us continually wet in our watches.
This morning the wind continues unabated
and the rain beating into our faces the
large quantities of water washing over the deck
and the constant rolling and heaving of the
Bark as she struggles to keep her head.
Makes our situation truly uncomfortable.
And we are obliged to grasp the nearest object
within our reach to keep on our feet while
on deck. At noon gale increasing and
sea tremendous. During it I should loose
our waist light if we did not safely secure
it took it in on deck and lashed it to
the railing. Our sail was now reduced to
almost the poles a couple of storm sails
just to help keep her steady and the Bark
she does behave so nobly that one can but admire
her efforts which are so signally successful
in riding out a gale and we have no doubt
that she will hold us safely through this one
though it is severe one. During the afternoon
continued to ship large quantities of water but
doing no damage. Just at night caught
a glimpse of a right whale. The fellow I
suppose apprehending no danger came and lay
quite still along side of us for some time and
then started off slowly. The sight of him
was our share as it would be impossible to get a
boat into the water without swamping her. No night