

Dec 4th 1854.

This day begun with gentle S.W. gales all sail set and steaming east. Latter part tacked ship. Strong breezes and ugly sea rising. Saw Nighthawk one of the Tristan islands. To night heard E. by S. 20 miles just visible through the clouds.

Dec. 5.

Cloudy with some rain. Third light from the N. Towards night sea rising with the wind. Unable to see anything. Lat. $37^{\circ}2'$ Lon. $13^{\circ}0'$.

Dec. 6.

No Change. Lat. Lon. $13^{\circ}31'$.

Dec. 7.

First part Cloudy and light gales. Tristan in sight. Latter about equal to a calm. Saw 4 sails. Spoke one the bark Dromo Capt. Fisher from Warren R. I. $3\frac{1}{2}$ mts. 50 Sperm and 30 Whales. At 5 P.M. saw whales and chased them. Couldn't begin to reach them. The Dromo tried them with the same success. The island bears nearly S. No obs.

Dec 8.

Calm and pleasant. Dromo in sight all day. She had her boats down chasing fish in the morning. Concluded they got one

or more. Som after a school came pretty handy to us and we down and got 3 - one to each boat. Spent at night saw whales and lowered but they soon went out of sight. No obs.

Dec. 9.

Another calm day. Dromo not far. Tried out our B.H. fish. No other. Changed Lat. $36^{\circ}0'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}25'$.

Dec 10 Sunday.

Very fine weather. Commencing with gentle breezes from N. Saw a school of grampuses early this morning and thinking they were whales chased them and soon found out the mistake. Afternoon wind rising with a chopping sea. Made a steamer going E. also whales going W. where in particular until galled by our boats pulling up to them. It does seem as if we could never get near another whale. Last season they were as wild as they could possibly be and now they are wilder. Lat. $36^{\circ}11'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}28'$.

Dec 11.

Fresh gales from N. N. W. and good weather. Another pull after whales failing as usual in getting near them. "I'd sooner be a dog and bay the moon" than come here again to chase these phantoms if I could help. Lat. $36^{\circ}40'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}48'$.