

whales to leeward. Run down and lowered away just before sunset. Could not reach them the first rising and the next it was too dark to think chasing them further. Thus again are we doomed to disappointment. Could we have had 2 hours more of daylight we must certainly have succeeded in striking a whale. But of course we ought not to complain on that score for the All-wise Disposer of events has decreed that day and night shall succeed each other. The 3^d mate since he came on board complains of a pain in his side which for some time he has occasionally noticed. He has besides a dry cough coming on which altogether renders him quite unfit for duty though he still keeps round, it is evident he will not long however if he does not have a care of his health. Looks miserably poor and is doubtless on the road to consumption. Lat. $34^{\circ}09'$ Lon. $43^{\circ}39'$.

Feb 28.

All day strong gales from N. N. W. and huge seas. Topsails double reefed. Being a gale of wind we saw this afternoon large sperm whales in every direction and going to windward. Of course we had not the temerity to lower in such bad weather at the great risk of swamping alongside. So does our fate seem irredeemable and well might the stout hearted feel discouraged at such sights sometimes. These lines occur to me as being most

admirably fitted to our condition.

"Get not one look of fortune cast you down
She were not fortune if she did not frown
Such as do bravest bear her scorns a while
Are those on whom at last she most will smile."
and may we live to see the time when the fickle dame will condescend to bestow upon us one of her sweetest ones Lat. $33^{\circ}39'$ Lon. $43^{\circ}55'$.

March 1st

A pleasant day and moderate gales from N. S. W. with sea quite smooth. Carried all sail. At night made a sail steering N. E. Lat. $33^{\circ}28'$ Lon. $43^{\circ}14'$.

March 2.

No change. Sent down J. and M. Royal yards scraped repaired and painted them and stowed them away and it is not expected that they will go up again at present. Lat. $33^{\circ}10'$ Lon. $43^{\circ}35'$.

March 3.

No alteration in wind and weather except some signs of a storm or blow. Lat. $33^{\circ}48'$ Lon. $44^{\circ}19'$.

March 4. Sunday.

Commencing with high winds from S. by W. which gave place before noon to a heavy tempest of thunder and lightning with some hard