

June 6th 1855.

Raised Sperm whales this morning and soon after lowered. They were to windward and going fast. Chased them nearly all day without success. One of the boats at one time got almost within a good dart and finding that the fellow was going down let go his iron just as he rounded up his hump. It was a bad chance and he only just hooked him but did not hold on. When we gave up the chase the fish appeared to be going N. N. W. The wind had changed to N. by E. and we shall chase them under whole S. sails hoping to see them tomorrow. It is some time since we had such a long chase of it and may the next volume be productive of better luck. Lat. 38° 00' Lon. 35° 56'.

June 7

Thoroughly disappointed have not seen the first sign of the fish. No such good luck for us. Have had light and changing winds. Saw a Bark in the fore noon Steaming free. Lat. 37° 47' Lon. 36° 56'.

June 8.

Light gales from N. N. W. and pleasant. Made a sail this morning has been in sight all day. Steaming Northwesterly. Caught a porpoise. Lat. 37° 56' Lon. 35° 54'.



June 9.

Wind changed to N. E. Still light but increasing. Cloudy weather. Lat. 37° 38' Lon. 36° 00'.

June 10 - Sunday

Last night wind continued to increase and to day strong too in a gale from the same quarter. Under considerably reduced sail tumbling about in a bad sea. No obs.

June 11.

Gale continues without change and we scarcely know how to pass off the time. Lat. 37° 38' Lon. 40° 12'.

June 12.

Moderating to day and some hopes of better weather soon. Got some more sail on. Lat. — Lon. —

June 13.

Prospect dull and no improvement in the weather and sea very rough. One of our pumps gave out to day and on examination found it considerably decayed. This being an indispensable article with us we shall probably get new ones when next we touch at the islands. Repaired this as well as we could but it will not be likely to last long with much using. Lat. 36° 14' Lon. 39° 48'.