

and continues with gentle breezes from same
quater. Latter part steering E. by E. Passed
to leeward of a scho. called her the *Rienzo*
Lat. $33^{\circ}06'$ Lon. $50^{\circ}40'$

July 16.

No Change Lat. $34^{\circ}24'$ Lon. $49^{\circ}57'$

July 17.

Commencing Squally Ending Pleasant
wind S. E. by S. Course E. by E. Made
a sail on our weather beam this afternoon
and soon after a brig ahead. The latter is
about 5 miles off to night Lat. $34^{\circ}26'$ Lon. $49^{\circ}14'$

July 18.

First part Mild and Clear Latter
wind S. S. W. Course E. by S. The brig
a little on our Le Bow just before night
mistaking her for the *March of Montez*
and thinking there might be letters for us we
lowered away a boat and pulled for her.
They were some considerable time getting there
as she did not haul back for us. But finally
went alongside and ascertained her to be the
Amelia Capt. Hamblin from Sandwich
12 Mrs. 200 Stumpback and came away
Lat. $35^{\circ}15'$ Lon. $47^{\circ}36'$

July 19

Moderate weather wind S. W. Course
E. Set S. East and lower studding sail

desirous of getting away from this ground
to us the dullest of the dull. Whales seem
to be any where but here and that is generally
true wherever we go. All hands nearly are
complaining with colds and soar throats
a kind of distemper the influenza or something
of the sort prevailing. I have a touch myself
and from various causes am quite down
to the hulk. Some of "the ills that flesh
is heir to" however have so discouraging and
effect as at length they convince that our
brightest and ^{happiest} hopes are fast dying
out. We have cherished them faithfully
and long until our oft repeated attempts
and as frequent failures nearly at doing
anything gives but little heart to our company
and furnishes soft ground to build hopes
upon. It is nature and that is difficult to
overcome but is it right to sacrifice every
ray of hope to the vision which now and
then presents itself in so discouraging a form?

This question is just as sure to rise as
I am to get down hearted. I am persuaded
it is not right but a strong mind is
required to bear through all. Stronger I feel
than my own. But I am seldom so discouraged
as now and physical weakness combined
with other causes may have augmented it.
It cannot therefore be much wondered
at that sometimes after long weary and un-
fruitful cruises we should look on the
dark side. But let us not gaze willingly