

yesterday. Have read considerable to day.
One of our foremast hands went out on the
jibb boom to catch fish lost his hold and fell
over board. The alarm was given and a rope
thrown astern which he grasped and we hauled
him in considerably frightened but otherwise unin-
jured Lat $6^{\circ}21'$ Lon $9^{\circ}48'$

Feb 18th / 1856

Very gentle winds from S.W.
Saw 2 sails one of them in sight to night looks
like the Leonidas about 4 miles off to the sea-
ward. I for another hack at whales before
we leave which I suspect will be ere long
'tis a happy thought that we shall soon be
on our way home. May it be a true one
We are all homesick though not to the
detriment of business if we could fall in with
fish but strong enough to raise a rejoicing when
the time arrives for us to start. We have lay
out so long that the feeling is general throughout
our Company and I guess our Capt. is as
homesick as any of us. One reason is as the
time draws near we talk about it so much and
endeavor to anticipate the many changes of which
we know nothing that home occupies our thoughts
days and dreams when sleeping Lat $6^{\circ}48'$ Lon
 $(9^{\circ}42')$

Feb 19

Saw the Leonidas all day to leeward
and raised up the Measeh 5 miles off leeward
Run off for the latter but finding that we could

not reach her till after dark luffed too on S.
tack taking in light sails Have coal coxed
Chains on S. side Lat $6^{\circ}28'$ Lon

Feb 20

Caught a large abalone and shark
today with irons The skin of the latter is
used amongst us for working off and smothering
bone Coal tared L Chains and anchors

To night gamed with the Leonidas and
soon after dark the Tropic Bird Capt. Clark
of New Bedford came down and then had
a 3 handed game The Brig has 200 Spgs
and the Bark 75 on board 7 mos out
Lat $6^{\circ}18'$ Lon $9^{\circ}29'$

Feb 21

Commencing with light winds from same
quarter Saw 2 sails to the S.E. Just
before night weather began to thicken and a
huge dark cloud rose quickly from the eastward
Concluded we were about to have a typhoon and
made preparations to meet it. Soon we heard
the loud roaring of thunder and saw the sharp
flashes of lightning as the tempest rapidly approached
an awful stillness reigned for a few minutes
and the orders to take in S. Gallant sails
jibbs M. sail and Spanker were scarcely
obeyed when the Squal struck Heavy artillery
rattled overhead and the fiery bolts were almost
blinding. As it increased the rain came in
torrents and the St. top sail was closed up and