

Ascension a few day whence we shall start
for home! Lat $5^{\circ}28'$ Lon. $8^{\circ}15'$

March 1st 1856

Stiff breezes from S. W. Course
this afternoon W. N. W. Sent down Royal yards
rigged and bent the sails and sent up again

Shall carry them right when suitable and
take them in mornings to favor mast heads

If we had a few more stay sails and studding
sails would make quite a show of canvas
as it is considering the condition of our vessel
the Orva does very well with this breeze
Lat $5^{\circ}18'$ Lon $6^{\circ}26'$

March 2 Sunday

Wind hangs on the S. W. Course
same Lat $4^{\circ}34'$ Lon. $4^{\circ}20'$

March 3

Took in Studding sails this morning
and hauled on the wind which let us up
W. Afternoon hobstay parted and had some
trouble getting out another of 3 parts of Chain
growing rugged and wind increasing Lat
 $4^{\circ}29'$ Lon. $2^{\circ}17'$

March 4

Wind gradually hauling more to the
southward Course W. Been employed in
setting up - rattling and tarring down rigging. Fish
plenty Lat $5^{\circ}05'$ Lon. $0^{\circ}17'$

March 5

Wind South and fresh Course W. by
N. Got Studding sails on again and royals
at night. Working in rigging fitting for home
Lat $5^{\circ}30'$ Lon. $1^{\circ}47'$ W.

March 6

Steady breezes from S with some squall
All sail Course same Lat $5^{\circ}55'$ Lon $4^{\circ}06'$

March 7

Trades strong from S. S. E. and rugged
Course W. by N. Carried Studding sails Lat
 $6^{\circ}20'$ Lon. $6^{\circ}53'$

March 8 Sunday

Still rugged with wind strong
from S. E. About 2 P. M. raised whales
breaching and going to windward Hauled
down Studding sails and luffed too and lowered
2 boats Chased them for about 2 hours and
a half and second mate went just within 2 or 3
darts but could get no nearer pulling against
an ugly sea Returned at 5 P. M. Made sail
and kept our course W. N. W. Lat $6^{\circ}37'$ Lon $9^{\circ}35'$

March 9 Sunday

No change Lat $7^{\circ}38'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}38'$

March 10

Made Ascension about 4 P. M. To night
beats W. by S. 20 miles Shall touch there tomorrow