

March 17th 1856

Wind E. S. E. and course N. E. W.
 Lowered for B's fish Chased them about
 3 hours The L boat got fast first next
 ours and not long after the "Waist".
 we had been fast but a little while when the iron
 drew and could not get near them again
 The last boat held on about an hour during
 which time the fish was well landed but
 showed no signs of giving up and after trying
 the boat round in every direction pretty rapidly
 the iron drew and off he went. So we
 saved but one of the three after all. No obs.

March 18



Wind growing lighter and making
 but little headway. Employed in setting up
 rigging. I have now all day on deck and
 no watch nights. One of the watches caught
 a porpoise last night and today had some
 tallow balls. Saw small B's fish Lat 1° 48' N

March 19

Much the same as last 24 hours
 Lat 1° 18' N Lon. 26° 50'

March 20

All day squally with rain. No
 obs. Making little to the northward.

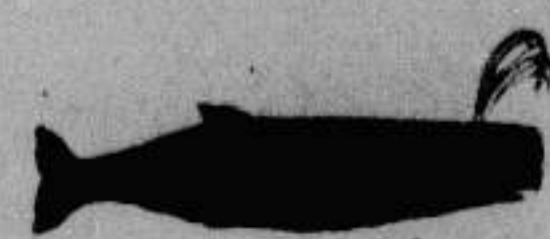
March 21



Being in the great equatorial belt
 just across the line thank fortune

of Calms we expect just such weather as we
 have had to day Calms and frequent showers
 and now and then a wind squall at different
 times of the year these are of different extent
 and at this season we ought to expect the N. E.
 trades not far from the line. This is a
 discouraging place to cross sometimes vessels are
 detained 2 or 3 weeks without making as many
 degrees. Saw a steamer this morning evidently
 steering for Pernambuco. There is something that
 will not stop on account of Calms and I would
 volunteer a trifle if she would hook on and
 give us a tow. What a nice plan would be
 and I guess suit all hands more or less
 Lat 0° 20' N Lon. 28° 48' W.

March 22



First part fair and little wind
 latter squally and some rain. Lowered for
 B's fish. Second Mate got 2 the others
 none. Getting along slowly with only a current
 and an occasional squall to help us. Shall rejoice
 when we get the N. E. trades. But we must
 be patient yet a little and we may soon be
 favored. Lat 32° N Lon 29° 57'

March 23 Sunday

Light air and pleasant without
 any squalls. The little wind we get today comes from
 the N. E. but we can hardly think that we
 have the trades. Saw a sail on a beam
 we steering N. W. Lat 0° 52' N Lon. 30° 30'