

Part of December 16th

Steered off to the North to look for the whales
Saw a Finback, porpoises and got one, A whaling
Barque passed us by the wind, At 7 P.M. kept
by the wind heading to the westward, Saw no
more of the whales

Lat by obs 43, 22 Long W by ch
84, 18

Sunday Jan 3rd 1858

Strong wind from N.E.W. and
Cloudy weather, Steering S.W. by S on S.S.W. till 12 P.M.
Carrying all sail, In the morning saw Sierra del Surgo
around to S.W. of us. At 12 P.M. Close by the Land, Steered
off to the Eastward for the Straits de Maire At 3 P.M.
Close by Cape Diego in the Straits, Strong wind from
E.S. Carrying Main topgallant sail, on little more than
stem the strong current starts running 9 mile per
hour, very rough sea and big wheel pools in the Strait
I got observations here and hauled my Chronometer, Sierra
del Sur is very smooth looking land - saw and then a high
bluff, Cape Diego hangs off to the E with a low point
Staten Island has more of a bold rough coast and the
Land rough and mountainous, At 7 P.M. Came up a
heavy black squall from N.E.W. and blew heavy
for a while, Close kept the topsails and courses, At
8 P.M. the weather, Wind light from S.W. Steering
S.S.E. set single keel topsails, At 12 P.M. Night brought
out clear to the S of Staten Island, found one of the Chro-
nometers 15 mile to far East

Lat by obs 54, 30 Long W by ch 63, 00

Monday Jan 4th

Commenced with light air from S.W.
Ship drifted well to the East. All sail out. At 6 in
the morning lowered the boats and chased a large spec-
imen whale 40 miles to the S.W. this whale was going to the
N.E. and the horns got within 500 yds of the whale, and
all of Staten Island bearing E.S.E. distant 15 mile East

on the Edge of blue water, At 10 A.M. took a
Strong wind from S.S.W. and Squally, Came on
board and stood to the N.E. by the wind, Saw
4 sail to the S.E. Hauled on reef the fore & main
topsails, At 5 P.M. in the Southern part of the
Strait (green water and plenty of penguins) lashed
Ship and stood out to the S of Staten Island again
Hardly stem to tide, Heading S.E.

Lat by obs 54, 55 Long W by ch 64, 50
Tuesday January 5th

Light wind from S.E. by E. Cloudy and
at small from S.W. Heading and Steering S.S.W. All sail
set, Blue water, Sent down the cutting gear,
2 ships passed us Steering to the S.E. One in sight
to the East of us Steering to the S.W. Steered came
on duty to day, Williams is better, Staten Island
in sight to the S.E.

Lat by obs 55, 35 Long W by ch 64, 55
Wednesday January 6th

Commenced with light breeze
from E.S.E. and fair weather, Steering S.S.W. under
all sail, At 10 in the morning wind hauled to
S. Steered S.W. by S. Sliding sail set, At 12 P.M.
wind hauled to W. and some squally, Heading S.W.
Watchers employed in ship's duty, Saw some porpo-
ises and a Finback, Saw 2 sail Steering to the S.E.
and 1 working to the W. Bill the boatsteer-
er is better, Put John Lerner in the rigging and
flogged him for fighting the Dutch Harbor

Lat by obs 56, 35 Long W by ch 65, 50
Thursday Jan 7th

Fresh wind from W to W.S.W.
and Squally, Carrying the calland sail, part the
time over kept topsails, At 5 in the morning
lashed ship, Heading S.S.W. At 4 P.M. heading