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Mon Feb 8th George remains about the same. Same had a pleasant day. Nothing in sight.

Tues 9th Have been making a very large pack consequently put Lat 31, 28 ymle head. Large is better. The wind is blowing quite hard but is not fast. Nothing in sight.

Wed 10th Have been making and mending. this afternoon have covered the cushions to the deck of sitting room. Nothing in sight. this is a lonely place. I miss our crew when we could see something occasionally.

Thurs 11th Have the same old story to record. of head wind. Lat 32, 21 and nothing in sight. we are near just whaling. Lat 42, 35. Geared, but with this wind cannot get there.

Friday 12th The wind has blown hard all day and is still ahead. it is very rough so we can only put little sail. I have not been very well for several days. George is some better but not as well as usual.

Sat 13th For once I have had as many Panamanians as I could eat. have also had them fried and made into pies, but I prefer them uncooked. we have a bunch hanging in the cabin that we have washed. we have two or three dollars. that, George paid today. But for I wish that the crew at home had some of them. they are very nice.

Sund 14th We have had a severe storm. that lasted from Sat until last night. for three days could not get on observation. The weather today is pleasant but there is a very heavy swell. it is almost impossible to write. We are all as well as usual. My health is some better than it was when I last wrote in this. but it is not now as good as I could wish. but I try to keep up good courage and hope it will soon be good. Nothing in sight.

Mon 20th Lat 31, 22 Have had good weather for a few days just today it is foggy with an occasional shower. Have seen no whales yet. Have seen several sails. Exchanged signal with an English ship. on Sunday the 11th.

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Mon 21st Another day has gone, more to return, and we have no more oil. I do wish we could do something. I dreamed of seeing Lydia Sam Lat 31, 38. I last night very sick. I would give almost anything I possess if I could see her now. how all the crew are at this time. My health is some better today, and I hope may continue so. we had just ordered for supper and the packet was like our food at home than anything we have had since we left.

Tues 22nd Have had a very pleasant day with very little wind. five sails in sight. two of them have been in company with us for three days. Lat 32, 3 yet we have not exchanged signals. about five o'clock there was a school of Hotters near the ship. covered the Gullant and was at least 100 could not get near them. This afternoon two dolphins have been flying around the ship. but they would not be caught. yesterday we had the last chicken of those we brought from Lathams. cooked. it is probably the last we shall have from Newmarket for a long time.

Mon 28th The last day of the second month. finish as Lat 28, 2 with only "pebbles of oil". I know I wish we could get some more. every one would feel so much more cheerful. but well try to be hopeful. it is a long time since we have seen a whale. two months tomorrow since we got the Hotters and in that time we have covered over a great deal of ground. and seen nothing. this morning thought there were whales near by. My friend to be sure. Have finished a cotton suit of clothes for Eddie. and commenced making over my furia silk dress. we are now steering S by W.

Tues 29th Have had rough weather. not much wind. but a heavy swell. Nothing in sight. Steady S.