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Wed 3rd This morn had rain squalls this afternoon has been
Lat 31.15 pleasant. Saw a Lark near the Ship and several
Lon 44.22 Boat has could not get it. I have been making
on water net over white fish, tonight have finished
about an hour. We have been seeing N.W. since morn.
Sailor does not seem well. George has just given him
a dose of Castor Oil

Thurs 4th It is the 42 Anniversary of George's birth and
30.50 I wish it could have been celebrated by taking a
44.44 sperm whale. But there is none to be found here.
have seen four sails. have seen in different flocks

Lat 5th Saturday morn. has come again, and still we
Lat have nothing new to report. Nothing in sight and
31.10 I for one, am getting discouraged and fear we
Lon shall be obliged to go in for Melville. Before
43.56 we get any more oil. I have washed out some
clothes for George and Thelie today, and have
just finished mending them. have been obliged
to pay aside my fish, partly finished. for want
of fuel. We are now on the wind, heading S.W.

Mon 7th Have had a pleasant day, with very little wind, but
a heavy swell so the ship rolls about half. I
Lat have been starching some clothes, and cutting and making
32.44 a cape like my Pine Silk dress, besides mending a
Lon shawl hat for Thelie, and mending several articles.
47.36 This morn saw a school of Grampus. This afternoon
one sail was seen from Westward. have been heading
S.W. until three o'clock since then heading E. The men
have been fetching the foretop sail.

Tues 8th Another pleasant morn without wind but the swell
Lat still continues. The men are repairing the fore sail.
32.46 George still continues to have the Dandruff. has
Lon had it the most of the time since leaving St. Catharines.
47.44 I think his hair, because we see no whales make
him be more than he would be if we were truly
well. I have commenced my Oysterman cover. This
afternoon saw a lot of Grampus going S.W. on the top of
the water. Heavy Sull and by.

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Wed 9th Have had quite a strong breeze during the day.
I have turned a starched shirt and dress, and
Lat finished my Oysterman cover. This afternoon Mr
32.20 Lisbon raised a school of Grampus and at
Lon first they were thought to be Sperm Whales and
44.37 created quite an excitement, for a short time. Then
after a piece of spirit was seen, and there are
quite a number of birds around so we hope
soon to see Whales. I have just finished a letter
to Mamma. There have been five sails in sight
from Westward. I saw three from the deck.

Thurs 10th In the morn watch had a severe tempest. the
Lat rain came down in torrents, for several hours
32.00 but cleared up some after daylight. but has
Lon been quite rough all day. I have finished
43.41 mending my Pine Silk. Nothing in sight, strange.
Friday 11th

Have had another rough day, with occasional
showers. George still continues to have Dandruff.
I have felt sick all day so I have set up
but little. Nothing in sight on the wind till 4.

Sat 12th George is no better. last night had showers with
Lat lightning. This morn it is like weather but it
31.50 there is a heavy swell, so low I wish we
Lon could see something it is so discouraging.
43.33 by after day passing and we getting nothing we
shall soon have to go into Port. I do hope
we may get a little more oil before we go.

Sunday 13th Another Sabbath is numbered with these years
Lat before. one the day to spend on Earth, one day
31.50 nearer our eternal home. Many times have I thought
Lon of the dear Church at home. the this day and I
43.33 trust listening to the voice of God as he
speaks through our beloved Pastor Mr Hatch
It is more than five months since I last heard
a sermon or prayer, and could I not pay myself how
miserable I should be. but God is on the water as well as
on the land, and is ever ready to hear & answer