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Thurs the 9th a good breeze steering by the
wind saw some fin backs
struck a Porpoise but the crew
inert so ends there 24 hours.

Fried the 10th a light breeze steering by
the wind saw some fin backs last
part saw 2 sail steering N W

Sat the 11th a light breeze steering by
the wind saw some fin
backs sent down the fore
top sail and ~~intended~~ it
and sent it up again 1
sail in sight last part the
wind hauled so that kept
her S by W square the
yards and set the fore top
must steel sail so goes for home

Sunday the 12th a good breeze steering S by
E saw some fin backs and
Porpoise the first part some
rain the middle and last
part more fine as it goes.

Mon the 13th a strong breeze steering S S
E took in the top gallant sails
and single reef the top sails
saw some fin backs so goes.

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Tues the 14th a strong breeze steering S S E
with single reef top sails saw saw
some fin backs the first part saw
a ship the last part saw two
more one of them we called
a boiling so goes the time

Wed the 15th a strong breeze the first part
single reef top sails and top gallant
sails over them saw some fin
backs 2 sail in sight last part
almost a gale spoke the ship
Charles Phelps of Stirling town 4
months out 5 whales this season

Thurs the 16th a gale blowing to with a
close reef main top sail and fore
sail a heavy sea on saw some
fin backs and Porpoises struck
one but crew small in sight
made some ship work very good
the last part moderated a little
but not much any more.

Fried the 17th moderate breeze with double
reef top sails saw some
fin backs 2 sail in sight
spoke the ship Charles Phelps
of Stirling town Capt Burch and
gunned with her she was doing down

Sat the 18th a gale blowing to under a close reef
main top sail and fore sail with a heavy sea
on last part ship a heavy sea which stove
in the mast rail and board and stove a
hole in the S. Boat and part of the hull
works so it goes