



Tues Aug 4th 18-74.

Lat 40.26 N. Lon. 40.40 W.

Commences with an Irish-
man's hurricane toward ^{noon} the
breeze increased: both watches
engaged in heaving out
for water & cordage.

At 4 p.m. raised sperm
whales going very fast
to windward. Lowered
three boats and chased
them but could not
catch them because the
night was coming fast
so we signalled the
boats to come aboard.
Sorry to loose them
but no chance.

Wed. Aug 5th 18-74

Lat. 40.06 N. Lon. 39.43 W

Commences with little
or no breeze and con-
tinued so until after
noon when we had
a stiff breeze from the S
for a half hour.

Two or three breeches
were seen but proved
to be grampuses. I
think these Gram-
pus are a
nuisance for they
get our expectations
up for nothing.
Still we must
wait for our turn.