

Tuesday March 8th 1859

This day commenced with thick cloudy weather and a strong breeze about four this morning had a heavy squall from S. S. E. with heavy rain split the foremast. This forenoon the second mate went in the Whizzer rigging, the mate repairing the foremast. This afternoon finished in the rigging also the sail and bent it again. The weather all day has been very fine and a little cool, a fine steady breeze most of the time until about five o'clock when it almost entirely left us. This morning the captain struck the main at the wheel for letting the bark get aback three successive times in a squall.

Wind S. by E. S. by S.

By the wind.

66 days out

Nothing in sight

Wednesday March 9th 1859

This day commenced with very fine weather and calm, a light breeze of wind up about ten o'clock and lasted nearly all day at sunset calm and not a cloud to be seen.

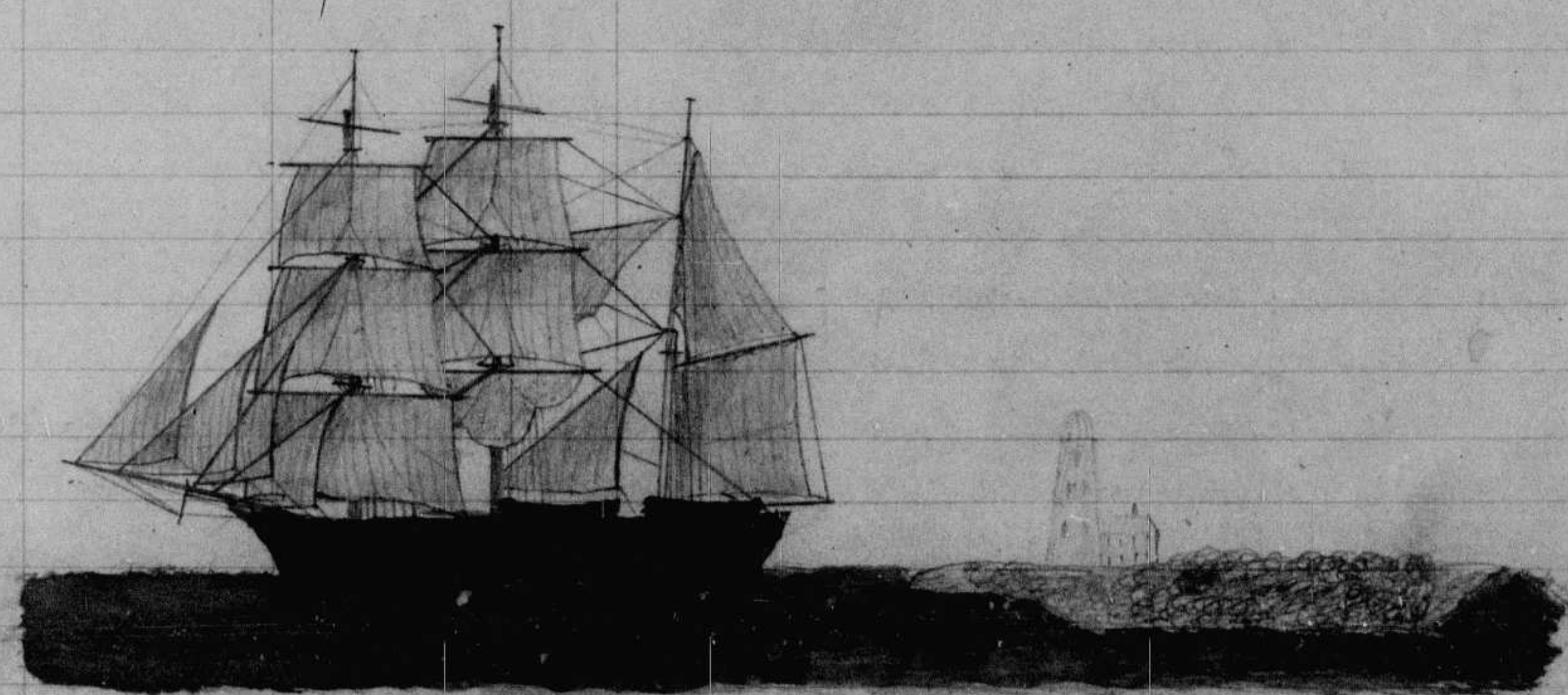
This afternoon saw a school of Grampuses and Porpoises. Rattled down the main top gailant rigging but did not quite finish. The watches usually employed about the vessel Peter at work hitching and grafting the main top stancions.

Calm

67 days out

Nothing in sight

Lat 39° 14' South



A fancy sketch

Thursday March 10th 1859

This day commenced with a calm, commenced work this morning on the foremast, serried and set it up and sized it off and covered the rigging; about 10 a light breeze from the N. N. W.

This afternoon set up the Fore Mast rigging and after four we took in the waist boat and made everything snug about decks as it has the appearance of having had weather.

The mate at work on the main top stancions. This forenoon covered a sheath for a boarding knife and painted it. There were several finbacks and a school of Grampuses in sight. The mate darted at a sunfish but missed him. A light breeze from N. by E.

68 days out

Course S. by E. Wind N. by E.

Friday March 11th 1859

This day commenced with a light breeze and thick hazy weather with frequent showers. This forenoon the wind gradually worked round to N. N. W. Went down the Foremast yard, also got out some new hasp pins for the Boatstoppers to grind and have ready.

This afternoon nothing much going on only with the Cooper who is fixing the cabin stove pipe. About one o'clock kept the bark off two points. Large quantities of birds around, also saw some Whelks. The water has changed color to Green. Strong breeze and very damp air and the weather has the appearance of a Gale. The mate is going to stand watch again until we get around Cape Horn.

Course S. S. W. Wind N. by E.

69 days out

Saturday March 12th 1859

This day commenced with a light breeze and thick damp foggy weather about 9 o'clock it cleared off and set mastheads at the main, the men making scrub teeth. This afternoon the mate made about a dozen hanks, myself ground some irons and sowed the sickles. From 2 till about 4 thick fog; then the wind began to blow to the Northward and cleared off again. Looked out for the stowage. Saw a finback and plenty of birds around.

Course S. W. Wind N. E. and light

70 days out