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June 23. This morning ship going at a fair rate say about
Friday - 7 knots, the weather was damp and unpleasant,
no work going on at all, all hands in good
humor. Shortly the breeze stiffened up some-
what and we rocked a good deal but I did
not feel sick. At noon we found ourselves to the
southward of New Foundland Banks distant
about 150 miles. The wind increasing we short-
-ten sail, double reef foretop sail; take in jib
-mizen topsail, mainsail and spankers, it
then rained pretty hard and the wind increased
we then took in main topsail and laid to,
under fore and main staysails and double reefed
topsails - ship behaves very well indeed. We today
saw a large number of black fish, and as this
is a good sign for whales, we all expect to have
one soon. We came in sight of a big sailing vessel
studding sails kept in sight of her about 3 hours.
Our course today was southeast, we made over
170 miles in the last 24 hours. It rained pretty
much all day - not sick.

Latitude 42° 12'
Longitude 56° 25'

June 24 Last night being quite stormy we laid to and
Saturday. made but very little headway. The weather still
stormy this morning - during the afternoon we let
out both reefs in fore and main topsails and the
ship moved faster but the weather was dull. No-
thing of interest today, evening was a little more
pleasant, we are still in the stream and head to
the northward. We made about 75 miles to day -
could make no observation on account of the
weather - not sick yet.

Latitude 40° 48'
Longitude 40° 48'

June 25 Last night was pretty stormy. This morning all
Sunday quiet, no work going on. The crew assembled in
D group conversing and telling yarns, I passed
most of the morning conversing with Mr Bell
and the 3^d mate. In the afternoon the wind pa-
-ving again sprung up, we set to work taking in
sail, we reef the fore topsail, close reef mainsail
and take in one reef main topsail. After supper

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the weather was more pleasant and it being my
watch I remained on deck, listening to the yarns
and jokes of the sailors. During the day saw several
sunfishes they are very handsome being some 4 or 5
feet long. We steered east all day. Many of the
crew sea sick but I do not feel at all sick, may
it so continue.

June 26 Last night was rather stormy, but towards morning
Monday. it cleared up somewhat and the weather pro-
-mised to be fair. Our course last night and this
morning was to the east. This morning I was again
placed at the wheel and stood there two hours, while
there the mate told me to alter the course to south
east by south which I did and we steered that
course pretty much all day. The weather was very
pleasant and all hands worked cheerfully, all
being in good humor and well disposed. At about
half past ten the cry "There she blows" was several
times repeated, this is cry when a whale is seen
in the distance from the masthead. As soon as
that cry was heard you might have seen all
hands the officers rushed running about the
ship to look for the whale, the mate as is usual
in such cases ran up the rigging to see what
caused the alarm, when the whale proved to
be a number of porpoises, and the crew slowly
returned to their work. At noon the Captain told
me to bring him my quadrant, which having
done he showed me how to use it, and I myself
made the observation and found that we were
in latitude ⁴⁰ 16' standing south east by east.
It is the Captain's intention to cruise around
these latitudes for a month or so before going to
the Western, and I hope we will then be
able to send home at least 200 barrels of oil.
I exercised a great deal on the rigging in the
afternoon going to the mast head and running
out on the end of the spar. I was rather
frightened but went right ahead as the captain

Latitude 40° 20'
Longitude 40° 48'