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near the land at sunset & the wind blowing a gale on shore - The Sperma killed one the same day which produced 200 lbs - The remainder of November we were steering to the Northward - consequently had nothing to remark except the weather.

On the 2nd of December we hit 34 sperm whales, towed the boats in company with the *Sperma* & parted to three of them but the wind blowing a gale & the sea running very high we were obliged to cut our lines & ~~at~~ return to the *Phila*.

The next day the wind backed a head & blew a gale for 7 days accompanied with very heavy squalls of rain so that for most part of the time we were hoisted under a close reefed main top sail - On the 10th the wind backed so that we were able to strike any

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course - On the 13th we experienced a very heavy squall which obliged us to take in all sail & have two under. ~~Our~~ ^{Our} company ship not being prepared for it was knocked down on her beam ends & had most of her sails split or otherwise damaged - we run as far as the lat of 40 North where we found the weather almost equal to Cape Horn.

On the 14th we stood to the S. E. & took a fair wind so fresh that we were running under a close reefed main top sail & reefed fore sail for 4 days together - On the 19th

the weather moderated - the observed lat was 32° 15' N long 127 W. On the 22nd discovered the Island of Gardelouche - so called from its resembling the Island of Gardelouche in the West Indies on its first appearance - The next day we made sail & were down for the Island