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the next day lost sight of our combing ship
- On the 10th we squared the yards & run
down the Coast of Peru as far as the lat of 12^N
in quest of Whales - in sight of the land most
part of the time - On the 13th spoke the Ship
Hero of Nantucket Capt. Shubuck 5 months
out 160 blbls - On the 15th saw whales &
lowered the boats in combing with the
Hero & gave chase to them at sunset the
Starboard boat fastened to one & it was quite
dark before we lowered him - we however suc-
ced in killing him & by 9 o'clock had him ca-
bled along side the Ship - The next morning
cut him in & began to boil - in the afternoon
saw a large whale lowered the boats in
combining with the Hero & fastened to him
with the larboard boat but the land wind &
night coming on we were obliged to give him
up - at 9 o'clock the same evening spoke
the Ship John Adams for the second time
she had seen no whales since we had

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On the 17th spoke the Apollo the second time
she had got no whales since we had - the
next day lost sight of the Hero & Apollo - On
the 19th saw a large whale lowered the boats
& chased him about 10 miles to midnight
& gave up the chase - On the 21st fell in with
the Independence - On the 24th in lat 23-30
and 3 leagues dist we felt the shock of an ea-
rthquake which lasted one minute & more
like distant thunder - On the 25th passed an
English Frigate standing to the Northward
under a crowd of sail even to standing sails
with out standing sails - at sunset fell in with
the Apollo - the remainder of May we had nothing
remembrable - On the 4th of June spoke the
Brig of London 12 months out 150
blbls of sea Elephants oil - On the 6 we made
sail & shifted our course for the Island of Ma-
ssapeño after having run down the coast
of Peru without much success - On the 17th
in lat 25 I saw plenty of Sperm whales
lowered the boats with the intention of kill-
ing one that did not succeed