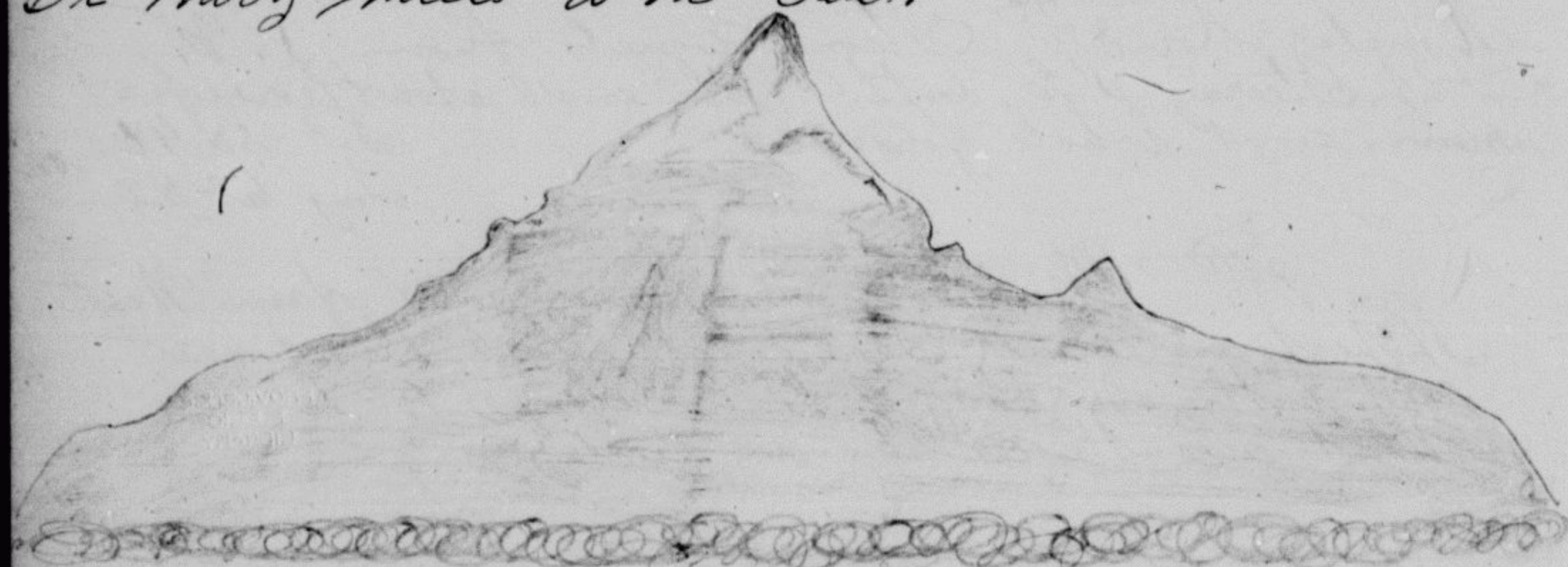


Ferro Island



Lat 27.50 Long 17 55

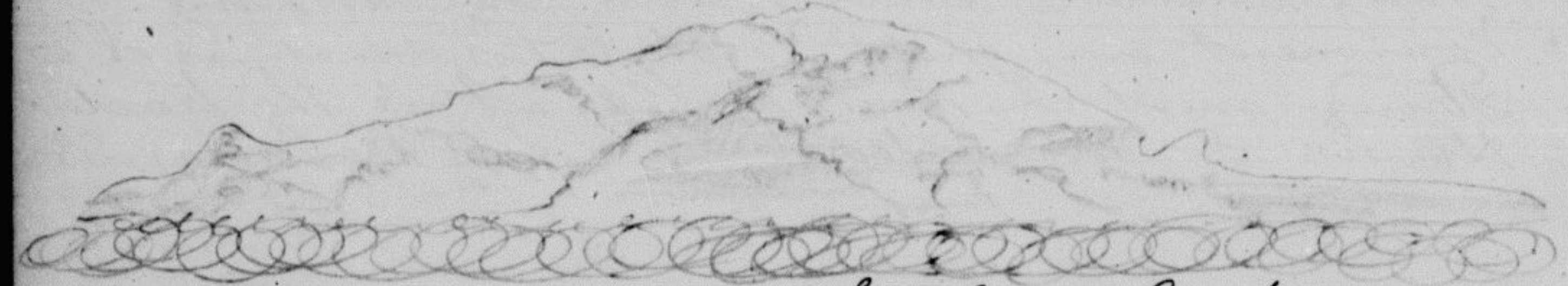
December 9th 1862 Passed the Island of
Ferro, one of the Canary group.
Found my chronometer 2' too m to show
Or thirty miles to the East.



Teneriffe

Lat 28. Long 16.30

Dec 12th 1862 The above Island is seventy five miles
to the N.E. according to our reckoning to day

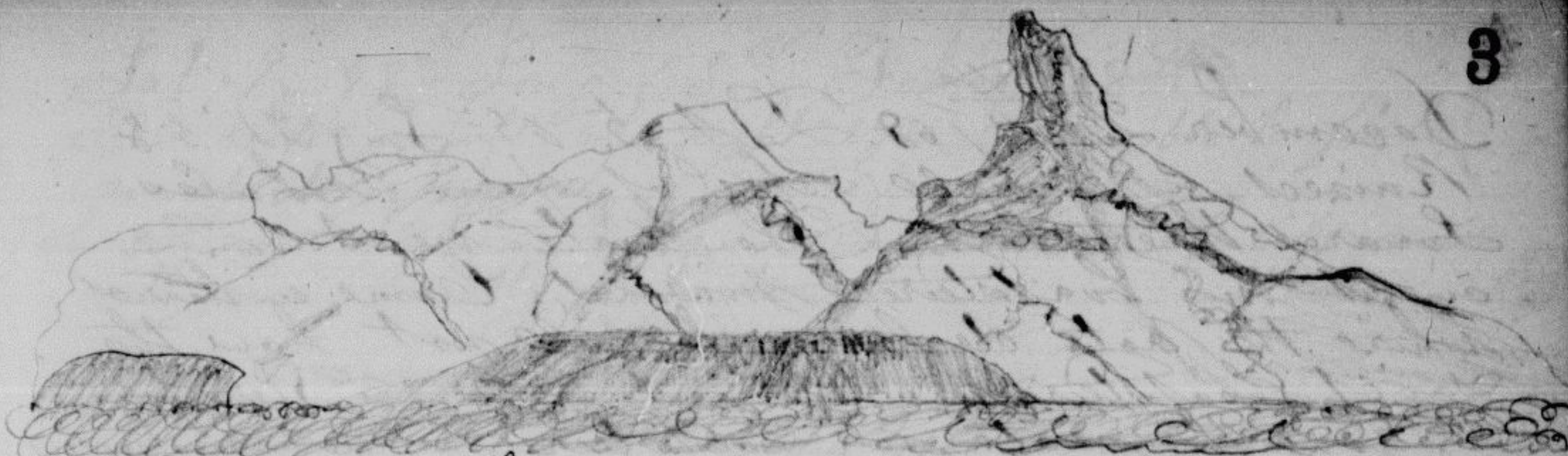


Gomera

Lat 28.16. Long 16.21

Dec 12th This Island is nearly in range of
the Peak of Teneriffe but within a few miles
of our position at present.

I have been in hopes of finding whales
here but it appears that those animals are
not for us I shall show myself this
time. And a sorry figure it will be.
In fact I do not know what I have
done to deserve much. A man may be
able to catch any amount of whales but when
it comes to finding them I think it will
rather take luck, or a guide from a higher power



Gomera - Gomera

Lat 28.11. Long 16.25

December 20th Lat 20 Long 19. And
I am bound from the Coast of Africa
The sky is more than clear here and
The atmosphere is half smoke I have not seen
a drop of for a month In this latitude
it does not rain sometimes in four or five years
I find the water to be highly colored as though
on some 150 miles off shore and I
did not go to see how much further

The Congo river is 5000 miles and
it is late in the season and I am afraid
that before I could get there and back to
Bermuda the season would be spent in making
passage. But if we go to Dringsted we shall
expect good winds with a fair prospect of
seeing whales once or twice and I am sure
if I did not think it for the best I should
not go. I really want to get as much
as one small whale this winter.

But God has our destinies under
his control and sometimes I am persuaded
to believe that it is but little use for man
to exert himself to gather what is not
for him. However, he has said that he
should send the rain in the just and unjust
Therefore I still hope. Still knowing that
my worthiness will merit but little

But the person who could feel
himself worthy still perfectly satisfied
with his fortune though much or little
And a man I say is one whom we
could call happy And though it is
selfish in me yet I envy that man
his happiness