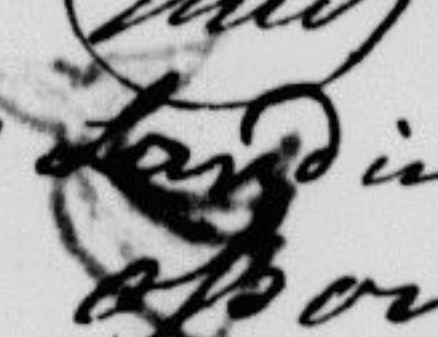


Feb²⁶ Back Wave Cruising off
 Wed Commenced With Light Breezes and
 18th fine Weather at 7 saw sp
 1852 Whales and got  nothing chased
 all day saw one sail (Thurs)  Lat 25 03 Long 17 03
 Friday After from home and upon
 20 a very good Whaling ground
 but very Bad Weather with
 a great deal of Thunder & Lightning
 Upon a home for my family
 however humble and I shall be
 Content and may God in his
 goodness suffer me to see
 the time I have a home of
 my own and I will stay there
 and take care of my family
 Lat 24 36
 Long 17 28

Madagascar C. F. Downs Master 1852
 Sund 22 Toward Light Breezes and pleasant
 Middle part strong breeze of Wind
 and rain in company with Black
 mill wood saw the Land at Dark
 Saw a sail on our Starboard Bow
 Lat 25 17 Long
 Mon 23 fine plus and Weather at 7
 all saw sp Whales
 Lowered all 3 Boats
 & got one and cut
 him in and commenced Boiling
 Saw 2 Boats 1 Whaling
 Lat 25 31 Long 17 52
 Wed 25 fine and pleasant saw sp Whales
 going quick to the Windward
 did not Lower Land in sight
 Lat 24 38