

was furled this time as it had been ^{nearly} destroyed before and probably the Captain did not wish to lose it a second time.

It was the ^{turn of the} starboard watch to have 8 hours on deck and we passed on the whole a very comfortable night: it was rather cold but with plenty of clothing ~~we~~ I did not ~~see~~ feel the weather much.

We stood aft on the poop deck during the first watch as it ~~was~~ ^{is} the ^{driest} most sheltered place in the ship. ~~and it almost also goes down~~ Our bark rode out the gale beautifully: she is said by those who have had considerable experience in other vessels to be as good a sea boat of her size as there is afloat.

~~At~~ When we turned in at eleven the force of the gale was pretty much broken and in the morning watch from three to 7 am the waves were constantly decreasing. About daylight as ~~one of our boat~~ ~~harpooners~~ ~~was standing on the starboard side of the~~ ~~waist looking over the back a~~ ~~whale~~ of the kind called "Sulphur bottoms" ~~rose from~~ passed directly under the ship ~~and came up to~~ and blew his spout in defiance right in front of one of our harpooners who was looking over the side. Our first mate ~~came~~ brought up his gun from the cabin and tried to get a shot but was unable. The whale appeared to be 30 or 40 feet long. He ~~for~~ came up on the weather side passed round to leeward and went off after blowing several times. This kind of whale appear to blow only ~~once~~ twice or three times before sounding.

Monday 1st Decr 1856 (12th)

We had a delightful weather yesterday. The waves were just tipped with white caps, the sky was almost cloudless and the breeze mild and pleasant. We saw no whales. ~~and passed some time in~~

To day several sulphur bottoms were seen. At the mast head this morning I noticed as many as five different kinds of birds flying round the ship.

Going before the wind to day with main-top gallant sail set, for the first time in a week or ten days. I am told that we shall go into port ~~in~~ at Talcahuana in about 4 months from this time 10th days from New Bedford to day.



Tuesday 2nd Decr 1856

Going S.W. before the wind -

Lat yesterday at 4 P.M. 39° 50', that of the Horn is about 57° - We have therefore about 17 degrees to sail ~~over~~ before reaching or say 7 to 800 miles to sail before reaching Cape Horn.

