Saturday 3rd Jany 1857

Lat 57°. 07 South Lon 67°. 32 West

Yesterday morning all sail set going at a tremendous rate before the wind. Steering about N. by E. About seven PM. the sky began to be overcast and it came on to blow very hard. At 11 PM all sail had been taken in but a few main topsail and foretopmaststeadysail, and we were lying to on the larboard tack.

The gale continued until sunrise when it began to abate. At this time (4 PM) all sail is set but foretopgallantsl and we hope to get safe round before many hours.

This afternoon a very large school of blackish fish seen close to, two sails seen - one about 4 miles bearing N.E. and one this afternoon going East.

One or two days ago we had some fun stuffing fin backs from the ship. The Captn shot one big fellow but as the gun was only loaded with ball it had not much effect.

One mate struck his lance into another but was unable to reach his life. These whales were twenty to 30 ft in length. It was exciting to see them rushing round the ship: each of the officers stood ready to plunge the lance if a good mark offered. The oil of the river is inferior and they sink when killed: for these reasons they are seldom pursued: We have seen them in abundance

ever since leaving New Bedford; the little birds called by sailors Mother Carey's chickens have also accompanied us the whole way through the Atlantic to the Cape.

Monday 5th Jany. 1857

Huzza!! The Captain says to day that we are round the Horn and in the Pacific - Three sails in sight at 3 PM - We are steering about West by North and going at a brisk rate about 7 knots an hour - Weather pleasant.

Diego (in sight yesterday to the N.)

Thursday 15th Jany 1857

To day we have sunshine & mild weather - Lon 78.40 W Lat 51.07 S Since coming into the Pacific we have had a spell of terribly bad weather, rainy, cold and disagreeable every way; the report now is that the Captn intends steering NW or thereabouts until he reaches Lat 35 when he will cruise for Sperm oil - We hope to get into Valparaiso in about two months: as we shall have our first liberty there it is of course looked forward to very much by all hands.

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