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Hope to have something better to say
tomorrow

Latitude 29° 22' N
Longitude 28° 00' W

Saturday Nov. 12

This day commenced with light breezes from S. and not much at that, saw a Fin back very near the ship to day they called a calf but. One eye it was as big as 2 or 3 cows in one corner. I suppose it is what. Jarmus would call a good size. Suckling - that was my opinion at the time. I have often thought how long it took from to cut though his whole of fish were as big in those days as a present it must have taken some time

Latitude by Obs 28° 28' N
Longitude by Chron 27° 34' W

Sunday November 13

To day there was no wind done nothing in the sailing or Spouting line, Our patience is nearly worn out, but we must wait with patience resignation so says the Cooper. Being a Member must be right, It being afternoon now and the wind having changed round to the S.E. we are going through the water in fine style, we have got quite an original, Mr Giffard he was telling a yarn last night he says he must get his harpoon harand for he thinks it so swift that it burns the log before it reaches the Whales. I came away then for I think it was time, Just as I am about to close and wind up with Long and Lat. I hear the very full sound, there the Blows, there the Blows, Incessant motion

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any thing is bustle and hurry, boatsmen running in all directions looking for buckets and Pails and in fact any thing that ought to have been booked to previously. At last after considerable damage done to skins and tumbling the boats were got ready and rowed away in very good spirits. We took in the Flying Jib and backed the Main yard, Every body was on the look out from the Main top Gallant Mast. No Flying Jib boom but with our suckers for some time but at last we heard it again by this time the boats were about a mile off, After all our trouble and labour, it turned out to be a Fin back, Oh my if I had the pitting of those boys, I would prevent them coming that game.

Latitude 26° 45' N
Longitude 28° 36' W

Monday November 14

Delightful full wind Splendid weather and so fast I had no idea how wind affected Lucas before, Every body is in good humor, we got the Trades at last. And something more wonderful still. Our Carpenter got the blind for the Cabin done also, How very queer too so requisite things happening on the same day. Steaming S.E. and going about eight knots, No alarms now even a Fin back broke out this time so dry like to keep things moving, Nothing like keeping Sailors busy,

Latitude by Obs 26° 16' N
Long. by Chron 28° 36' W

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