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one but the Pigs eat him up
Philips not well yet, got another
dog this morning, got all
the guns fixed up in the Cabin
It looks like a Banquet on a
small scale. Saw a large
School of Porpois and Black
Fish torn and out there the
Blowes from Mark Heath

Longitude 80° 36' W
Latitude 16° 10' S

Wednesday February 8, 1843

Very light winds, it
was calm almost all night, Plenty
of ship jacks but they won't bite
all hands at work at the rigging
began to pain ship this morning
A Breeze in light steering to
the South. The Boston gone to West
Head so we will be sure to raise
some thing very soon, Stewards
Leg not much better saw a Large
Lan Fish off the Bow this morning

Longitude 80° 53' 30" W
Latitude 14° 41' S

Thursday February 9, 1843

Light winds from
the S and W, beautiful weather
there is not a cloud to be seen
in the heavens, all things seem
at rest, but our little black
which is like a hive of bees every
body is employed at something
some turning in the rigging
which by the way will soon be
finished, some painting ship
Cooper overhauling Rigging. The
carpenter up to his eyes in chips
and if we judge him by his
ships he must have done a
great days work

Longitude 81° 56' W
Latitude 13° 12' S

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Friday, February 10, 1843

Light winds from
the S very light indeed for
it has almost been a calm
all night, Splendid weather
the days are beautiful, but
then the night, words are
not sufficient to convey the
most distant idea of a
purer light, light on the
Calm Pacific, Not a ripple
on the vast expanse of water
that meets the eye on any
side any thing seems hushed
and at rest, now and then
the stillness is broken by some
playful fish more daring
than his companions leaps
from his element then
disappears and again everything
is wrapped in stillness

Longitude 83. 3. W
Latitude 12. 3. S

Saturday February 11, 1843

Very light Trades
small, very beautiful weather,
all hands painting ship and
turning in rigging, a number of
ship jacks about the bows but
will not bite, cannot see a whale
of any kind even a Lin back
would be some relief to let
us know that all the whale
kind have not left this part of
the world, everything going on about
right Philips is much better and
I don't think he will be sick in
some time. Reimick is dragging
some sort of a life as he calls
it. Some times better and then
again not so well

Longitude 84° 12' W
Latitude 11° 6' S