1843 Journal of Ship. William Thompson

Tuesday February 21 1843

Strong Trades & Dirty
The day but always become rainy
Moderate towards Evening, Splendid
weather but no Fish as yet, We are
getting over the ground fast but
will not do we much yet Some
thing tomorrow Lowered after
Black Fish but they caught
sight of us so we came on
board like dogs that lost their
tails; caught a Skip Jack latter
Strong Calms but for needs
must better Gulfed Trips down

Longitude 107m 8 W
Latitude 5m 7 S

Wednesday February 22 1843

Strong Trades and
fine weather all hands on duty
Carpenter Gilfoil who still remains
sick but the same wishes pray must
he be put on shore, Steward Lewis
an alarm this morning But he
it turned out to be a Fin Back
Men busy getting up Stays, Sails
getting Boat Falls fix order and
seems to me to be trying who can
get most and early breakfast,
Edwards Leg getting worse every day

Longitude 109m 41 W
Latitude 4m 37 S

Thursday February 23 1843

Light Airs
Steering W. & S. W. Saw Spoke the
Dow Boyd our old Friend, and
went to gam with Captain
Raymond who looks well but
says got an old Bad is there
he has taken about 6 Bbls, Black
Fish all hands are well
Sick in very stow & sizzels but
Packed Comfort and eat

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Big sea which was very good being
such as prove of our Ships have
been confined as yet Captain
Raymond Spoke a great many Ships
some two years others eighteen
Months all have had very bad
Luck so it is very clear all
the Fish have left these diggings

Longitude 112m 0 W
Latitude 3 51 S

Friday February 24 1843

Light breezes and
fair weather Plenty of work but
no blubber Sent Boat in light
on our weather bow, broke adrift
Got Boat to day Stowing away
Sails and other Jobs to work up
the men and make them
digest their food Cooper busy
getting Casks for the next Whale
which we intend getting on Sunday
Blacksmith laid up with a
very large bile

Longitude 114m 13 W
Latitude 2m 39 S

Saturday February 25. 1843

Good winds all
drawing Sail fast, weather looks
a little on the rainy order, Plenty
of Skip Jacks about, All hands
breaking out between decks Cooper
at work repairing Casks
Nothing doing in the Whale
line, Captain Raymond came
on board this afternoon to gam-
ble Motion goes on board the
Dow Boys &c Everything going
on Smoothly Roderick Mc complaining
is coming on again Gifford
not getting better

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Longitude 116m 5 W
Latitude 2m 4 S