

Thursday November 1st 1849 Commences with light winds, a little kept our beam. Took the reef out our topsails and set fore & main top mast the dory sails. Last night in the first watch, split the main sail from head to foot, parted the fore rope at this morning sent it down spoke out & got the new one & bent it. Raised a sail ahead this AM. Round round the Cape, steering a little more off than our usual in the evening and we are not more than a mile astern of her. Expect to turn out in the morning & find her hull down astern of us for the old Alexander Coffin can sail, if you put her to it

Lat 53° 28"
Long 64° 12"

Friday November 2nd Commences with light winds & calm weather thick & hazy. The Bark the ahead of us distant about half a mile, and but little prospect of being any nearer. Towards noon it heaved on and we double reefed the fore main, & mizen topsails a short time after we parted the Bark to windward of her, & spoke her, she proved to be the Palladium of New London bound to San Francisco, she was 87 days out. As we parted her we saw several packages on deck, among others one Lady, but whether she was one of them or the Captains wife I couldn't say, should think the latter however. They soon after were tripped (and stood away from us) on the other tack, at 12 we did the same. In the evening the wind killed & the ship came up to S.W. by W. The bark just in sight ahead. Saw whole

Cape Horn in light

Lat 56° 12" South
Long 66° 26" West

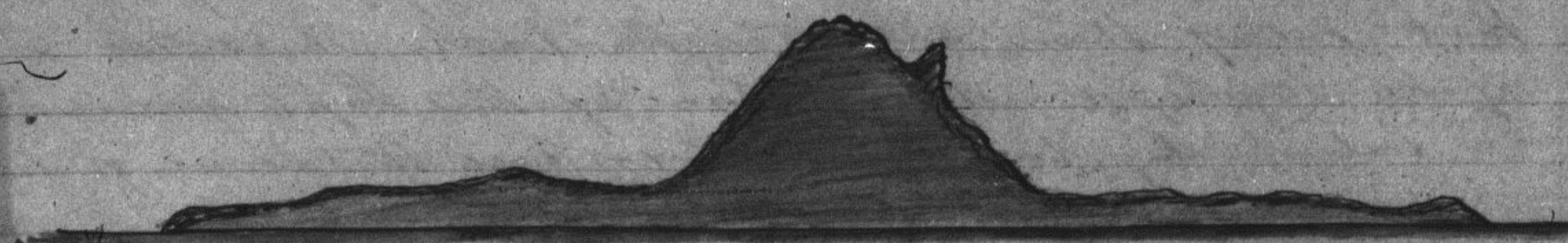
There the dory
There goes father



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Ship Alexander Coffin Off Cape Horn & Diegoes
83 Day out. Land Ho!

Made Land this am. at 3 o'clock which proved to be Hermits Island and Terra Del Fuego the former being the Island on which is Cape Horn & when we turned out this morning we had a good view of what every one that has doubted it has not seen. "Viz"



W Cape Horn Bearing W.N.W Distant 8 miles E
When about half way from the Cape to the Diegoes raised the latter and soon lost sight of the former astern. The ship meanwhile under double reefed topsails & foresail heading S.W. by W. and making about 2 knots. Seaway to 1 of heaving



Diegoes Ramires Bearing W.N.W. Dist 4 miles

These are barren rocks to the S.W. of the Cape, the tops covered with snow all the year round, and nothing else on or around them but seals & wild fowls, for which they are celebrated. Nothing remarkable happened

Lat 56° 27" South
Long 68° 50" West

Sunday November 4th Commences with light winds which soon increased to a gale, took in sail & hove the ship too under close reefed main topsail & foremast staysail. In the afternoon it moderated down, so much that we got all these topgallantails on her, in fact before night, the man at the wheel was whistling for a breeze. Nothing remarkable happened during the day that I can think of. Saw Fairbells & porpoises both in the afternoon

Lat 57° 13"
Long 69° 26"