fortunately before the wind - or the Capt.
says some of our mast and spars must
have gone - and any stick of canvas
there was on her - it did not fortunately
last long - it came on about 11 o clock
at night - the sight was awful - but sublime
too grand for me with my pail pen to
attempt to discribe - it seemed as tho the
elements and sea had combined to out
their fury upon all pretenders marring -
I like occasionally a storm at sea, tis to me
always attended with a very pleasant train
of thoughts - We have been in fine weather
for several days - the change in my aquaba
tho it is getting extremely warm again -
We have had many calms, and have
now been out 182 days nearly five months
long enough, had we have left in the ing
- ul as season to have been at Canton and
passaging to ~~[illegible]~~ go home - as it is we
cannot expect to get there yet for forty or
fifty days - going the eastern passage it
must take us at least twenty five or thirty
days to get through the straits, as it is