

Bark Mermaid Homeward bound

Monday April 7th 1878 Comes in with fine weather
and fresh trades the Bark steering N.W. off at sunset
saw a large whale close to the ship. Luffed too and
lowered two Boats down, but could not get to him before
dark. Took up the Boats and steered off our course
two merchantmen in sight. Last Saturday passed in
sight of St. Helena. Saw two Whales a Brig & Bark
the Bark lying off and on. two weeks ago was off
Cape Good Hope Lat 12.38¹ Long 9.55 W.