

November 1820

November commenced with pleasant weather
then saw a number of Fin back whals
& Black Fish toward the boats for the
latter but did not kill any of them.

On the 13th in lat 35. I spoke the Brig
Amiable Poline of — 10 days from

Rio De La Plata with a cargo of Rice.

On the 20th experienced a very heavy gale
of wind — at 11 P.M. while lying to windward

three stay sails & sea boards as on our starboard
waist which carried away part of the

bulwarks & rail stove the mast. but the
mast was turned up over the try works & abut

stern boat slightly & left nothing of the
skeleton boat but the stem & stern post

hanging by the carvel tackle all hand
was called & for a few minutes the decks

presented rather a dismal scene — some
spars & spars that had been lashed in the

starboard waist together with a cask of
water ~~was~~ had got adrift which for
some time we were unable to secure
we however succeeded — we then boarded the

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main top sail & set it close reef which
kept her head more to the sea &
although the gale continued with
violence until sunrise we rode it
out without sustaining any further

injury — the next day the gale abated
so that we were able to make sail

in the afternoon saw a ship to windward —
On the 22 spoke the ship

Thurslow of New Bedford capt. Clark
bound round Cape Horn in 1819

kept company with her 5 days
On the 26 we got soundings on the

Brazil Banks in 55 fathoms water
the same day had a severe gale of

wind but ~~the~~ the weather calm
the remainder of November we had
very calm disagreeable weather.

December commenced with pleasant
weather & a fair wind — On the 5th

the Island of Staten Land — it had
a very barren appearance for it was

covered with snow although the
sun shined.