boats were lowered. We succeeded in capturing
two small whales, which made us 23 barrels of
oil. The remainder of this day, also that of
the following one we were busily engaged
in cutting up and trying out the blubber.
March 8th. Passed the Falkland Islands, the ship un-
der reefed topsails. We are now prepared for al
the gales and squalls which are to be encoun-
tered in a voyage around Cape Horn. Our
fore topgallant mast is down, flying jib
unbent, and sundry other preparations ma
Mar. 9th Wind fair; made Staten Land, a bold and moun-
mountainous country, 60 miles north of Cap
Horn. We approached it rapidly and had e
ery hopes of passing it when the wind
increased till it blew a gale, luckily off sho
In a few hours the ship was under a close
reefed main topsail, lying to and drift-
ing rapidly to leeward. About 10 P.M. the gale
increased so rapidly that before we could furl the
main topgallant sail we were thrown nearly upon
our beam ends, the lee rail entirely under wa
At this time a tremendous sea took carried away
larboard boat, broke in the scuttle butt, and wa

every thing moveable from the deck. clewed up
the main topsail, and made preparations to
cut away the main topgallant mast, but she
shortly after righted, and we rode out the gale
in safety. From this time to the 15th there was a
continued succession of gales and squalls. Cape
Horn distant about 30 miles.
Mar. 17. Becalmed the entire day. Cape Horn in sight
off the lee bow, distant about 10 miles.
Mar. 18&19 Clear, cold, with frequent squalls.
April 2d Weather fine, with a fair wind. Cape far behind
us and be damned to it. Run 250 miles the
last 24 hours.
April 5th Wind ahead, Lat. 39.40. sail in sight.
" 6th Wind ahead. afternoon blowing a gale from the North
accompanied with plenty of rain. Lay to all night
" 7th under reefed sail, course N. by W. Saw a school of black fish.
Rain squalls during the night. Lat. 36.01
" 8th Rain, and squalls. Black fish in great numbers, but did
not lower the boats.
" 9th Squalls with rain, wind light. Lat. 35, Lon. 76.
12 hours sail from Talcahuana. Sent up fore
topgallant mast and set [illegible] crew [illegible]
" 14th Wind light and fair; Course N.E. & N. At
daybreak saw a large ship four point