

Signalled
 Signalled a Dutch bark. In the evening a
 fine breeze sprung up which continued all
 night.

Tuesday 8th fair early in the morning,
 left wind, steering nearly south, broke off
 - about eight o'clock to south east - going
 south-east all day, a good breeze towards evening,
 went about at twelve o'clock at night.

Wednesday 9th very fine morning, much cooler
 than it has been. Steered west all day. Captain
 Dale thinks it is the commencement of the
 south east trades which usually begin in
 the south. ~~Have~~ Have seen a great many
 vessels during the last few days all outwards
 bound. Had a few showers during the
 day. The stars are now very bright, Sirius
 Belt is to be seen about eleven o'clock, and
 the Southern Cross towards the morning.

Thursday 10th. The wind still to the
 south, steering west. towards evening came
 up a point to the southward. Fine fresh
 breeze, not hot for the tropics. Thermometer
 in my cabin 80°. Saw a vessel in the
 distance which we supposed to be the
 "Charlotte Jane".

Friday 11th. Fine morning, not quite so
 fresh a breeze but more favourable. Steering
 nearly sou west but towards evening
 she broke off to the west. Set some extra
 sails to day. Jib-top sail, fore try sail and
 main-top mast stay-sail. Saw a great
 number of the black fish, a species of the
 whale, they are from fourteen to twenty
 feet long, some of them were close to the
 ship. A shark also followed the vessel for
 some distance but we could not prevail upon
 him to take a nice bit of pork which we