

10 June Friday 1864
8 ships in sight, one of them
homeward bound, we got all
our letters ready but as the
weather looked too unsettled
the Capt. was afraid to let
the boat down.

Saw a shark late at night
some summer lightning, and
heavy rain about 12 P.M.

11th June 1864 Saturday
After dinner we saw a shark about
50 yards from the ship playing with a
wooden hoop off a barrel - Mr. Meek at
once threw out the shark hook with a
piece of pork on it, when he heard the
splash he at once came over with
about 50 or 60 pilot fish round him
he went round the bait, turned on his
back and swallowed it, when we got
him in, it was as much as I could do to
keep Wetch from flying at him, in length
he was about 6 or 7 feet. After tea we
lowered the boat and with Wyate in
command went for a row, when we
got some distance from the ship we
had some soups and pipes, and
pulled round the ship singing
"God save the Queen" gave three hearty
cheers which were answered from the
ship