

16th June 1864 Thursday

morning, at 6 a.m. fine, and calm
at 7 A.M. heavy shower still calm.
after breakfast it was so warm that
Maccaughton and I had to bring up
our books and pipes to the Mizen top
as the only cool place in the ship.

Before dinner ~~we~~ it commenced to rain
such rain as I never saw before.
In about half an hour we were able
to save enough water to fill all the
tanks in the ship - After dinner
it came on to blow a steady little breeze
from S. we are still going (Friday morning) between
3 and 4 knots S.W. by W. we seem to be
going at a great pace after ten days
calm - The Jacks caught a great
many Peneta today

17th June 1864 Friday

Day very warm, some showers, we
caught several Peneta and one dolphin
of which I have preserved the back fin.
In the morning we were going between
2 & 3 knots, and in the evening the same
but perfectly calm at midday. This was
Howell's birth day, he gave us plenty
of Claret for after dinner, in the
evening he and I were fishing from the Tif
boom and when we heard some loud
thunder and only had time to get in before
a regular thunder storm came on.

Edward Meek did know. Bob Strang
very well he said that Bob was his greatest
friend when he was at sea. Bob attended
him once when he was layed up with a
bruise by & he attended Bob in fever
immediately afterwards,