

Bark Daniel Webster, Cruising

Sunday Aug 26th 1877

Comes in fresh breezes from E and quite clear weather. at 4 A.M. called all hands and commenced cutting on the whale. and by 11 got him in, judge him 70 lbs. all birds past fresh gales with a short choppy sea on No land in sight today although yesterday saw Graciosa St. George and Thorne and just at night the top of Rio. saw two sails one going E and the other W.
Lat. 39.20

Monday, Aug. 27th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from W and showers. ship with all prudent sail out cruise. Nothing in sight all day. Watch employed in the forenoon. All night part calm and overcast with showers of rain. No Obs.

Tuesday Aug. 28th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from S. E. and heavy weather with fog and rain. Ship steering in toward the island of St. George bearing S. W. Dist 35 miles. No indications of whales at 3 P.M. left the ship for the purpose of obtaining potatoes but on getting in did not get any on account of cost being 80 cts per bushel. Arrived on board at 5 and kept ship off for the sale of Flour

Wednesday Aug. 29th 1877

Comes in with a gale of wind and rain from S. Ship in the passage between St. George and Graciosa island to the W with all prudent sail out. Have had nearly all sorts of weather today, some times a gale and then a calm with heavy rain. at night (sunset) wind from W and blowing strong. Got several Obs. in A.M. & P.M. the mean giving our working Chron. 3.09 or 12.36 or 187 miles to Rio de Janeiro and the other Chron. 4.18 or 17.12 or 258 miles too for E. ship steering for Flores

in the North Atlantic Ocean in 1877

Thursday Aug. 30th 1877

Comes in with strong gales from N. E. and thick rainy weather. ship steering N.W. for Flores with all prudent sail out. at 7 A.M. passed a whaling bark heading to the E under easy sail, bearing at 10 p.m. a schooner bound E. at 4 P.M. raised Flores bearing N.W. Dist. 10 miles the weather thick and foggy. saw a schooner off and on at St. George at 6 she passed up us off and on at the island bound W. saw her name the "Daniel Webster" of Boston. at night stood off shore to the S.E. wind N.E. and ship to the leeward of St. George.

Friday Aug. 31st 1877

All day strong breezes from S. E. and overcast with some rain and fog. ship lying off and on at St. George Flores. At 7 A.M. went on shore for recruits. employed in getting them off such as Potatoes Onions Fresh Beef &c. are very scarce and dear owing to a famine, exchanged for what we obtained. Corn & Flour. No Obs.

Saturday Sept. 1st 1877

Comes in with fresh breezes from the E. and thick foggy weather out from under the land. Ship off South End of Flores under the to stow oil all day lying under the land. at 8 A.M. a boat came alongside from shore for tobacco sold about 1600 lbs. at night calm

Sunday Sept. 2^d 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from S. E. and rain. ship off to the leeward of Flores working up all day. Two sails in sight one bound to the N.E. and the other a schooner working up for Flores. Nothing in sight more.