Journal of a Whaleing voyage in the Brigg Hopeton

Saturday August 9th Lat N Long 7W
first and Middle part of this day fresh breeze and squally with Rain, latter part breeze lighter. under Close Sail, Wind SW headding E S E untill 7 P M luffed to the Wind headding to the N W. Stood lofts part of the day,

Sunday August 10th Lat 37-20 N Long 44-33 7W
this day the first part squally the latter part pleasant from the S W Steering E S E untill 7 P M luffed to the Wind headding to the Southward, saw quite a number schools of Flying Squid

Monday August 11th Lat 34-00 N Long 44-34 7W
this day fresh breeze from the S W headding to the S E untill 7 A M tack Ship headding to the Westward, lowered the Boat and picked up a peice of a vessels house, caught a large number of fish, at 2 P M tack Ship and Stood to the S E. Saw a peice of Squidd and Flying Squidd, quite a number of small Portugese Man of Wars, and Sunsqualls, peice vessels house [redacted]

Tuesday August 12th Lat 33-40 N Long 42-29 7W
this day blowing fresh from the S W Standing to the S E under short sail. squally. the first part verry heavy Thunder and Raining hard Stood No lofts the last half of the day saw Flying Squidd,

Wednesday August 13th Lat 33-36 N Long 42-02 7W
this day squally with Rain from the S W Standing to the W N W until 3 P M wore Ship Steering by the wind headding S S E. set the Mainsail and put the Bonet on the Main Stsail.

Thursday August 14th Lat 32-46 N Long 40-32 7W
first part of this day fresh breeze latter part Moderate from the S W steering by the Wind headding to the S E all sail set untill Sundown shortened sail, Moderate considerable lightning, saw Grampasses the Water looking Good, saw Skipjacks

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Friday August 15th Lat 32-20 N Long 40-14 7W
the first part of this day calm Middle and latter part fine breeze from the E S E. Steering to the S W saw a number schools of Grampasses, Skipjacks. Repaired the Foresail.

Saturday August 16th Lat 31-40 N Long 7W
first part of this day light airs Middle part calm latter part fresh breeze from N E headding to the S S E, saw 4 large Grampasses, Turtle

Sunday August 17th Lat 30-22 N Long 39-53 7W
this day the first part squally latter part fresh breeze from the N E Steering S S W, untill 7 P M luffed to the Wind headding to the Northward saw one Sail standing to the Northward saw considerable Gulf weed, and Grampass Breaches.

Monday August 18th Lat 30-02 N Long 40-31 7W
this day pleasant from the N E Standing to the Northward untill 7 A M steered N W at 7 P M luffed to the Wind headding to the Northward, saw Grampasses, flying Squidd.

Tuesday August 19th Lat 31-37 N Long 41-11 7W
this day pleasant from the N E Steering N E carrying all sail, broke out Fresh Water and stowed down Salt Water, saw Grampasses.

Wednesday August 20th Lat 32-35 N Long 42-31 7W
this day pleasant and verry smooth from the N E Standing to the Northward and Westward saw a Grampass, unbent the old Foretopsail fitt and Foretopmast-Staysail, and bent the New ones.

Thursday August 21st Lat 32-53 N Long 42-29 7W
this day Calms from the N E and W light airs repaired the Mainsail, saw Grampasses, the Water looking verry thick

Friday August 22nd Lat 32-44 N Long 42-42 7W
pleasant from the W S W Standing at the S W the first part of the day latter part standing to the Northward at 14 minutes before Sundown raised a Whale, spouted 4 times, 3 Points on the Weather bow 4 miles off, the Spout looked like a Steam Whale Spout, Shortened sail Standing to the Northward