

Journal of the Whaling Brig Cumae

Saturday August 26th 1893

Lat 37° 40'
Long 32° 00'

Wind west north west and blowing a fresh gale with frequent squalls of rain. Kept off at 1 P.M. and run to the northward and eastward as the gale had moderate a little but leaving a heavy swell. Broke out the hole for provisions.

Sunday 27th

Lat 38° 00'
Long 30° 30'

Wind west northwest until 10 A.M. then it shifted in to the south south west with the weather thick and hazy. Run to the eastward ~~all day~~ until 4 P.M. then whose ship heading to the westward under short sail.

Monday 28th

Lat 37° 51'
Long 30° 30'

At 1 P.M. the wind increase to a heavy gale call all hands and put every thing but reef on sail at 6 A.M. it had increase to the force of a hurricane shifted a sea which carried away the gangway board and started the bulwarks. At 8 A.M. it commences to moderate and continued to do so the rest of the day. Barometer 29.06. The wind shifted from north west around the compass into northwest again.

Tuesday 29th

Lat 37° 43'
Long 29° 58'

Weather thick and cloudy and the wind west. Repaired the damage done by the gale. Hoed on the starboard tack all the day under short sail.

Wednesday 30th

Lat 37° 62'
Long 29° 56'

Wind south west and the weather thick with frequent rain squalls until 11 A.M. when it cleared off and continued so the rest of the day.

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Thursday August 31st 1893

Lat 38° 10'
Long 29° 21'

Wind northwest and a fine breeze with frequent rain squalls. Saw a Barge under short sail at 6 A.M. supposed it was a whaler but it proved to be a merchantman going to the northward and by her queer actions thought she was making for the Island of Flores.

Friday September 1st

Lat 38° 34'
Long 28° 14'

Run all day into the northward and eastward at 2 P.M. sighted the island of Fayal bearing east distance thirty miles also found the Chronometer to be in error ~~thirty~~ minutes and forty five seconds slow from Greenwich.

Saturday 2nd

Lat 38° 30'
Long 28° 50'

Wind west north west and very light with a few rain squalls. Steered for the island all day and at 6 P.M. Fayal bore north distance eight miles and Pico four miles then kept off southeast by east for the Island of St Michaels.

Sunday 3rd

Lat 37° 56'
Long 26° 14'

Made the island of St Michaels at 4 P.M. distance twelve miles. Whose ship at 6.30 P.M. and shorten sail standing to the westward. Wind north north west and the weather hazy. Saw two steamers steering in to the northward.

Monday 4th

Took the Pilot at 1.30 P.M. and came to anchor just outside the Breakwater was visited by the doctor and custom officers. At 4 P.M. got under way again with the Pilot in charge and went ^{up} to the head of it we finish discharging at 8 A.M. and ^{haul steam}