

Journal of a Whaling voyage on board the *Argo*
W & W a very heavy sea running it blowing
ing a very hard Gale took in the Main Topsisail
& took the Mast in on deck & turned the Larboard
Boat up on the chains & squally with some
rain the latter part a Brig passed to windward
so ends the land in sight more moderate

Remarks Saturday 23rd 1838
Commenced with a Gale from Westward & squally
trying to Southward the above Brig of the
Weather bore at 4 rather more moderate &
clear but still blowing hard from Northward
trying to Westward the above Brig of the Sea Beam
at 10 fresh Breeze from Northward set the Main
Topsisail close reefed at 11 light Breeze set the
Sailsail at 2 set the Fore Topsisail single
reefed and then 2 up on the Main Topsisail
at 4 the above Brig of the Weather bore at
P spoke the Brig Lagrange of Register Capt
Duguet 2 months 120000 square till Capt
Whitius went on board & the mate of the
Brig came on board of us very light air at
10 Breeze of S East Lat 39 10 North Long 31, 23

Remarks Sunday 24th
commenced with a light air from Northward
& pleasant lower S East then in the evening
W & W Dist 10 leagues at a sail in sight of
the Weather beam at 7 Capt Whitius & the
mate returned Wind S West & pleasant at 8
lost sight of the land bearing N E W Dist 11 leagues
at 4 AM made all sail Course S East the Brig
Lagrange in company the latter part the Wind
South steering S E & so ends
Lat 38 32 Long by Chron

Remarks Monday June 25th
Commenced fresh Breeze from Southward steering
Eastward the Lagrange in company at 1 made
Boyal 2 Pico and St George at 5 Graciosa
at 8 hauled up the Grouser & hove the Main
yard aback through the rigging of & on Boyal
Leaving South the latter part run down past the
Islands & made Surcaran 3 Sails in sight & several
schools of Porpoises so ends the Westernmost part
of St George bearing S E Dist 5 leagues
the watch employed repairing sails several schools
of Porpoises in sight

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Remarks Tuesday June 25th 1838
Commenced Calm with a heavy swell
from South Westward having the Ship
on towards Graciosa at 5 lowered 2 Boats
to tow the Ship out the Passage at 6 past 5
light Breeze from W the boats come on board
at 10 tried to to Northward cloudy at 3 AM wind
N East made all sail and stood out to Northward
fogg the latter part the fog lighted up but still cloudy
Graciosa in sight saw several schools of Porpoises & got
one Lat 39, 23 Graciosa bearing South employed repairing

Remarks Wednesday June 27th
Commenced fresh Breeze from N East steering
South Eastward Graciosa in sight saw a school
of Porpoises & got one employed repairing Sails at Mid
passed a wail to windward standing to Northward
at 4 AM saw a School of Sperm Whaler of the
Sea born Surcaran bearing N W Dist 20 miles

Remarks Thursday June 28th
This day light Breeze from W Eastward
at 6 past AM lowered the Boats at
3 Boats come on board succeeded in getting
1 Whale & commenced cutting the latter
part a sail of the Sea Beam employed cutting
so end Surcaran bearing N E W

Remarks Friday June 29th
Light Breeze from Eastward a sail to seaward
at 3 finished cutting steering Southward all
hands employed clearing up the Decks and
preparing for boiling at 10 commenced boiling
the latter part St Maguel in sight made all
Sail saw a Ship to seaward

Remarks Saturday June 30
Commenced light Breeze from Eastward and
pleasant employed boiling 2 Sails in sight
at 5 tacked Ship to Northward St Maguel
bearing S East took in Toppantsails & by 10
a fresh Breeze the latter part all Sails in sight
at 7 AM set the Main Top galsantsail & by 10