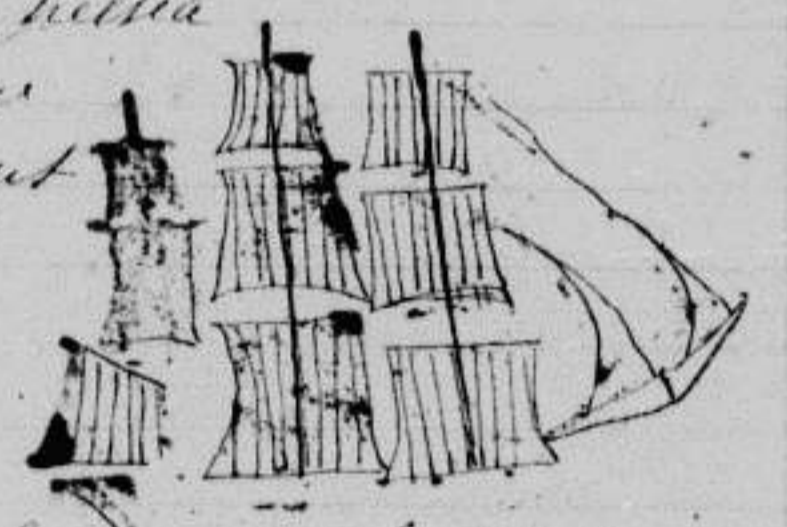


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September 1838	Ship	Grand Turk	1838	Wind	Course	Lat.	Long.
Wed 26	Made Land at 6 A.M. at 9 went ashore to Sultan D. Tomba at 2 P.M. Geneva Glas came on board heard from ship Grant to light whales caught some fish there very near killing the ship ashore. Saw a right whale too late to save. Spoke ship Chelsea	SE	SE	37.07	11.45		
Thurs 27	On the wind Cloud up for 5 hrs. repairs close up the main at 3 P.M. Wind hauled. Made all sail at 10 P.M. Canvied away the gib boom. Spent main royal. Hauled for 6 hrs. top. Hauled main sail. A nice breeze	SE	SE	37.1	5.30		
Fri 28	Sent down main royal yard squally cold	SE	SE	36.50	2.25		
Sat 29	Saw a great quantity of birds squally cold went new main top sail	SE	SE	37.7	East 2.25		
Sun 30	Sent up main royal yard saw a fin back. Closed the main royal. A nice breeze	SE	SE	39.01	7.10		
Oct 1	Close up repairs at 4 P.M. hauled up boats at 10 P.M. Made out bent new fin top sail. Blowing very strong	SE	SE	38.58	10.30		
Tues 2	Saw a right whale at 7 A.M. while bending new main top sail. at 10 A.M. a heavy squall. Wind strong cold wet	SE	SE	38.55	11.20		
Wed 3	Bent a new foresail sent out a new fly gib boom. Squally wet	SE	SE	38.45	11.15		
Thurs 4	Sent fly gib. A nice breeze dry	SE	SE				
Fri 5	Hauled two spars saw a hump back. A nice breeze dry warm. Black fish in sight	SE	SE				



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October 1838	Ship	Grand Turk	1838	Wind	Course	Lat.	Long.
Sat 6	Saw two hump backs close to the ship and a school of porpoises also black fish at 10 A.M. hauled down ship at 9 P.M. supposed to be off the point of good hope. A nice breeze warm	SE	SE	39.11	20.00		
Sun 7	Saw a fin back on the wind. Wind hauled to the at 2 P.M. at 10 P.M. water looked muddy sounded no bottom. A nice breeze dry warm	SE	SE	40.11	21.00		
Mon 8	Starboard boat killed a sun fish. Saw two whale spouts. Wind very light dry warm	SE	SE	40.22	22.48		
Tues 9	Saw two hump backs and a fin back. Wind light dry and warm	SE	SE	40.55	23.30		
Wed 10	To day we saw at least twenty whales all hump and fin backs. A nice breeze dry warm	SE	SE	41.00	25.00		
Thurs 11	Saw a sulphur bottom. Squally	SE	SE	41.15	28.30		
Fri 12	A great quantity of birds. Wind strong squally	SE	SE	39.45	34.00		
Sat 13	Saw eight whales at 4 P.M. Starboard boat struck killed by coffin waist and bow. Hauls fast afterward. A strong breeze	SE	SE	39.50	32.00		
Sun 14	Cut in on a whale began to lay out at 6 P.M. Toward for whales could not strike. A nice breeze	SE	SE				
Mon 15	Wind very light	SE	SE				
Tues 16	Saw two right whales bound to windward. Cold down. Wind light	SE	SE				
Wed 17	Saw a great many whale hump and fin backs. A nice breeze	SE	SE				
Thurs 18	A number of whales hump and fin back. A pleasant breeze. Dry warm	SE	SE				

