

Journal of Whaling Voyage by Thomas O'Rourke

1840 Ship's Grand Port. August second Course Lat Long
North West

Tuesday 11 Light breeze made the land
Hauled up a large fish of
red cedar 10 feet long and 4 square
caught a great many dolphins and
other fish seen a fair in the wind

Wed 12 Saw a carcass black fish and grey
fishes picked up a bale of cotton
in the wind a light breeze

Thurs 13 Light breeze at 6 P.M. then
the boat of the sea a break and
black fish chased without success

Frid 14 Light breeze beating up to
Fayal saw a school of grampus
and a big

Sat 15 Light breeze saw grampus and
black fish close to Fayal

Sun 16 Light and variable got the anchor
up and chains bent a barque in sight
got a man out of a boat that was at
us at 6 P.M. the hour in sight
at 7 Calm stood off

Mon 17 Came to anchor in Fayal at 11 A.M.
in 17 fathoms water a light breeze
sent some oil ashore took off provisions

Tues 18 Saw the remainder of our oil
ashore together with the black
fish oil. Spent 348 & 66 black
fish 16 lbs. One liberty note taken home

Wed 19 One man ran away got a man
and a boy got under weigh at
4 P.M. the strong breeze cloudy
left 4 ships to catch and 16
standing off and on

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Thurs 20 No pleasant breeze cloudy sea
sail and a grampus light
saw past St. George's Island and
Fayal

Frid 21 No light breeze seen a spot
picked up an empty barrel
saw the boats for black fish
but they turned out to be our
fish. Saw a line close to St.
Michael, at 10 down we were in
the bay

Sat 22 No light breeze sent up the anchor
sail hoisted bent the dingy sails
St. Michael at 10 light to the
westward of us a large school of porpoise

Sun 23 No pleasant breeze saw a sail
a fine back and grampus

Mon 24 No vice breeze cloudy a sail in
sight grampus ship's jacks and
flying fish

Tues 25 A fine breeze cloudy nothing
to be seen

Wed 26 No vice breeze cloudy at 12 A.M.
Made land the Island of Palma
saw a sail and flying fish
Ship's jacks Canary Islands

Thurs 27 Put a boat ashore after noon
got some grapes lowered for
black fish saw boat struck and
drew the board boat struck and
drew close to the land a light
breeze seen a school of porpoise
and grampus