

Journal of A Whaling Voyage by Thos O. Phipps

1840 Ship Grand Turk October sailed from Port Louis South West

Mon 5 A strong breeze building sails E with 17.12 31.44
set sail as much as we wanted South Atlantic
of it two ships in sight flying
fish in abundance no whales
in sight

Tues 6 A strong breeze cloudy we are E with 17.11 34.34
on the Banks. Runge sent down
standing sail below. Runge
going without sail all ready for
whaling. this I suppose is our
destination for months

Wed 7 A strong breeze cloudy with E with 17.35 36.49
few flying fish
saw sail in sight
Spoke Barque
Anabella of New
Bedford to sail
saw for last seen
her. Shattered sail
at sun down. Luffed to the wind
Barboard tack aboard

Thurs 8 A strong breeze cloudy no E 16.47 37.26
whales in sight but saw a spout
The Anabella in sight also the
Asia son of New Bedford and
Horned Lark of Wampan
heard from Brig James M. Brown
of New Bedford the r/c. Shattered
sail at sundown

Frid 9 A strong breeze building under E 17.30 37.42
easy sail. Spoke Brig through
of green but 1800 bound
to the southward also
Spoke Mercator of New Bedford
150000 of sperm oil
4 months out. the
Ship was shrouded of
Tahiti
32 miles
out 95
fbb
Spoke
Shattered sail

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Tues 10 Light breeze Sun rising E 16.19 37.30
backs and flying fish. Saw sail South Atlantic
in sight. Shattered sail at sunset

Thurs 11 A light breeze no whales to be seen E 16.10 37.5
saw a sail in sight and a
shark of the shovel nose species
shattered sail at sun down Barboard Banks

Mon 12 A light breeze Sun in and E 17.22 36.33
hump backs at 8.
A M. Squared yard
Spoke Barque
President of West
out 120000 carried sail all night

Tues 13 A light breeze Last night we E 17.30 37.30
lay with the main yard aback
Spoke Barque
dence of Rochester
5 months out 100000
of sperm oil. Saw
sail in sight. Sun
my alabaca and a sword fish
this morning lay on the banks than
we expected but all the vessels we
have spoken give a bad account
of it

Wed 14 A strong breeze saw a great many E 17.17 38.17
hump backs at last hourly
Thank God there is at least the
one quarter of the voyage over as
we are 6 months out to day

Thurs 15 A very light breeze foggy E 17.22 38.44
saw some butterflies killed a
shark

Frid 16 Last night raining with thunder E 17.30 38.50
and lightning calm. Today a
light breeze foggy saw a fair back
broke the keel of Calucon