

Journal of a Whaling voyage by M^r. C. R. Pease

1845 Ship's Grand Part. January wind comm East. Low
South West

Nov 28. Saw light-burge warm Teer 2 M. 32.30 36.25
 Spouts could not tell what they
 were there was a large school could
 not see them more than one
 Teer sharks and squid

Frid 29 A head calm dived up topsails
 in short "Sails clewed down topsails"
 hauled up the courses hauled down
 the jibs and let her lay very warm.
 Herd Squid and jammers also great
 numbers of grampies the whales in
 sight but we lost a sharp look
 out for them. In the afternoon a
 light breeze sprang. We could get
 into port but the wind cannot
 be controlled by us so we must take
 it as God sends it.

Oct 30 No Light breeze seen a Sail. Stand N.E. to W 37. 58 37. 9
to North East then a great deal of squid
and pumpkins at 5 am down rain
Spinn whigs too late to tower
Wind one hour of day but I ~~the fish~~
cannot have it. Given ~~to~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~fish~~
dollars for half that ~~time~~ ^{time} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~fish~~
shall be shut tomorrow look in sail

37.30 37.20
 Last night we heard the whales
 blowing around the ship made
 sail at day light. Shortly afterwards
 how boat struck upwards
 starboard boat killed by Mr Jackson
 struck at first we thought
 he was sounding until he took
 out one line and part of another
 we then began to haul him up
 after getting another boat crew
 into the boat we hauled but did
 not gain much took the line
 to the ship's feet could not gain
 any on it there we then
 hauled in the boat and got
 him almost up just as we
 could perceive him the line
 parted down he went after hauling
 on line for 7 hours took in sail
 Good morning

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thomas O. Phipps

1841 Ship's Grand Turk, February wind came, Lat 20°
Long 100° West

Nov 1. I have seen no whales in sight & also 37.58 38.11
but kept a bright look out for
them, they all were going to the South Atlantic
harvest yesterday and we thought
we could see them to day but they
are gone both in sail steed boats, ones

Tues 2. Made sail at day light Sun 8. Haul 35. 24 38. 55
 a school of Grampius, and porpoise
 but no whales & lost large
 tow, in sail at sun down. Hood
 seals many

Wed. 3. Made sail at day boat seen at 11.45
made toward a boat for him but
could not see him afterwards
took in sail at 1.45 saw down
Hood boat crew

Thurs 4 Made sail at daylight slight breeze with rain. Squally. Sea jumpers and flying fish at intervals. Looked in for gale but sails were up. Boats crew

Wed 3rd Made all sail, at day light a
 very light breeze & the rain
 foggy. Two Grampus flying fish
 and sheep backs. Several por-
 pois courses from North to South
 in order to feed in with whales,
 but could not see any but the
 kept her North east bound to
 Saint Helena as her word
 one part of our short season to the
 northward it was get time to ad-
 vent in the head it too we go to
 go to Monte Video our intended
 spot. We wish we could see some
 of them whales tomorrow as
 I think they are not far dis-
 tant from us now. They seem
 to be going moderate till we
 be lost. Stuck by. Carried sail
 all night.