

Journal of Whaling voyage by Thomas O. Neff

1841 Ship Grand Turk May Wind calm Lat Long North West

Sat 7 A Light breeze warm close to the land few a great many cow fish and porpoise. A light look out for whales but could not see any three sail in sight. Shortened sail at sun down

Sat 8 A Strong breeze from port and Du Squire also a turtle. Pick up of Waterford bound to Fayal. Close to the land. No whales in sight. No light a sharp look out for them. Shortened sail at sun down. Ran on our course all night

Big of Waterford

Water

Sun 9 At daylight made land ahead it proved to be Saint Michael. Ran down along the bay saw some squid and porpoise and porpoise. H. sun down took in sail showing heavy sea. H. sun at a distance

Mon 10 Made sail at midnight. Cruised all day close to the land. Saw porpoise and squid a big in light. Shortened sail at sun down

Tues 11 A very light breeze. Close to the land saw porpoise and squid. Two sail in sight. Set three top gallant mast and fore and main royal. Made sail all night

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Wed 12 A Light breeze cloudy. Just this whale we carried sail. No land in sight. Set a few back and porpoise. A St. Michael's also in sight. Sail

Saint Michael

Thurs 13 A Strong breeze made land at daylight. Cruised at a distance. Saw few and bump back porpoise and squid at sun down. Shortened sail

Water

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Wed 14 Made sail at daylight. A pleasant breeze close to the land. At 1 PM. Western Islands. Raised a school of sperm whales. Lowered Lar board waist and bow boats. Waist boat struck the Lar board boat. Struck the Lar board boat. Killed by Mr. Taylor. Lar board boat struck afterwards killed by Mr. Dexter. Bow boat struck and drew. Got both whales alongside the ship and made fast at dark. Took in sail and set the Lar board boat crew. We have made a good days work and indeed it is time we get some oil just three months lacking our day since we got any and we are all well pleased at our days work. While now turn in. Have tried to good night

Thurs 15 A fair breeze cloudy. At 10 AM. Whales seen porpoise and squid. Right say to close to the land

Fri 16 A Strong breeze commenced. At 10 AM. Tying out. Saw a great many hump and few back porpoise. A la bacca and porpoise. To day we cruised between St. Michael and Saint George but could not see any sperm whales

St. Michael

St. George

Sat 17 A Light breeze saw few and bump back. And a whale's carcass to day. Cruised between the Islands of Saint George and St. Michael

St. Michael

Sun 18 A Light breeze two sail in sight. At 1 PM. Saw some porpoise. Stood some oil to day. We were a good deal to leeward of St. Michael. Yards for St. Michael. Close to shore