

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thomas O'Rourke

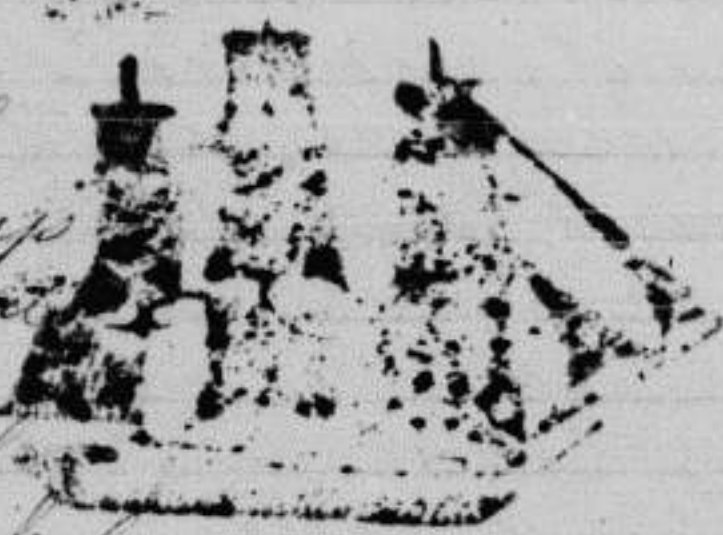
1841 Ship Grand Turk June Wind Course Lat Long
North West

Tues 29. A Light breeze cloudy Sun some sea
popping flying fish and drift wood
on the wind Starboard tack aboard North Atlantic

Wed 30. A Light breeze warm Sun some sea
flying and a great many porpoises
seen of large. Weather light Starboard
tack, clear, no wind, no whales
Dear when are we to get whales
I am almost crazy for fish, but
it is no use to wait till the pattern

July

Thurs 1. Spoke Ship
Five Starbuck's
Nantucket 43 days
out to sea. Seen some
porpoises and a
piece of wood bel-
onging to some vessel
that had been wrecked & pleasant
breeze on the wind Starboard tack
aboard



Lat 39.30 Long 37.40
Five Starbuck's
Nantucket

Frid 2. A Light breeze on the wind Starboard
and tack aboard lowered for
black fish without success

Sat 3. A Dead calm at
half past seven raised
Steam whales chased
until 10 P.M. without
success. We changed so far that we
could not see the ship on our return
we fell in with a school of black
fish about 15 miles from the ship
landward waist and bow got a good one
each cut in the blubber in the
boats got aboard tried to catch but
were so full of them it was the hardest
pull I have ever had

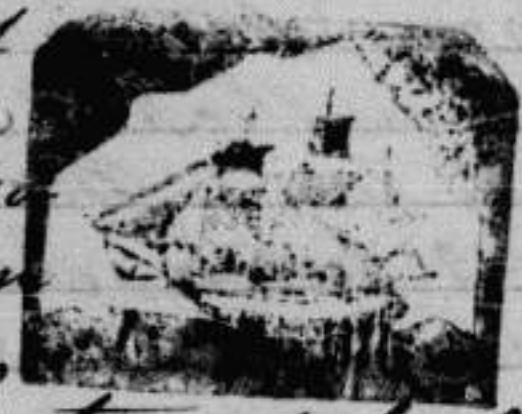
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Fri 4. A Light breeze seen some porpoises
and some flying fish S.E. Wind 38.15-39.3
North Atlantic

Mon 5. Tied out our black fish seen a great
many for backs and some drift
wood. Picked up a bottle with a single
flag of white cotton cloth stuck in the
cork with the words (Dutch Ship
Asia from Magilla and Hamburg)
There were other words written in
the same style but they were
illegible

Tues 6. A Light breeze warm seen some
porpoises and drift wood
Spoke Barque Phoenix
of Edgartown three miles
with but 15 bbls of sperm
oil had seen no whales
in these latitudes shortened sail
at sun down



Phoenix
Edgartown

Wed 7. Made sail at day light the
Sun in sight seen some
flying fish and drift wood squar-
ed yards carried sail all night

Thurs 8. A Light breeze showed our black
fish oil & sail in sight. Seen some
flying fish and drift wood on the
wind Starboard tack aboard

Frid 9. A Strong breeze on the wind
Starboard tack aboard seen a
school of jumpers and some flying
fish

Sat 10. A Strong breeze on the wind Star
board tack aboard two sail in
sight seen some drift wood and
some flying fish but nothing
in the shape of whales