Journal of A Whaling Voyage by Thomas O'Keeffe

1841	Ship Grand Turk July	wind	Cours	Lat North	Long West
Sun 11	A Light breze. on the wind Starboard tacks aboard Seen Some flying fish. Saw sail in sight	S E		40.18	39.40
			North Atlantic		
Mon 12	A Strong breze squally. On the wind Starboard tacks aboard. Seen Some fin backs. Saw sail in sight	S & E		41.56	37.20
Tues 13	A Strong breze squally on the wind Starboard tacks aboard. Seen a fin back also a diamond fish and a turtle Seen sail in sight	S & E		43.25	35.42
Wed 14	A Light breze Seen Some porpoise and fin backs Picked up a large spar from the wreck making a topmast & lift. Caught a turtle. On the wind Starboard tacks aboard	S		43.3	33.27
Thurs 15	A Light breze. Lowered for black fish but without success. Spoke Brig Cambria of Boston 7½ months out. No oil heard from Barque Marcella 700 bbls sperm oil at sun down short ened sail	S		43.5	31.56

Cambria of Boston

Frid 16	A Pleasant breze. Seen a fin back and a turtle. Spoke Barque Brunette of Falmouth eleven months out 100 bbls has seen no whales around here. Squared yards at 9 A.M. At Sun down Shortened sail let her run on her course	S by E	Cours	43.5	31.40

Brunette of Falmouth

Sat 17	A Pleasant breze. Seen Some fin backs and porpoise. At ¼ past 11 PM Braced up fore and Mizen topsails luffed to the wind with the Main yard a back. Seen a sword fish also a bill fish	N W	S & E	44.0	29.31

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Sun 18	A Strong breze, at daylight we braced forward and stood on our course. Seen Some fin backs, grampus and porpoise	N W	S & E	45.20	27.2
			North Atlantic		
Mon 19	A. M. A Strong breze P. M. blowing a gale took in fore and Mizen topsails double reefed the Main and luffed to the wind. Seen some fin backs, and grampus. Starboard tacks	W	E & E	47.00	24.30
Tues 20	More Moderate Made sail, wore ship Larboard tacks aboard Seen Some grampus, and a school of black fish too late to lower	W & N W		47.10	25.27
Wed 21	Seen Sperm whales Lowered for them. After they got close to the ship it came on Squally with a thick fog and we could not see them any more they appeared to be at home as they were not going any far. Grampus fin backs, and black fish too late to lower. Shortened sail at sun down struck a porpoise and they	W & N W		48.15	25.00
Thurs 22	Made sail at daylight, a light breze and a thick fog. Seen some grampus porpoise, and killers, a sail in sight. Shortened sail at Sun down divided the watch	W N W		48.00	25.10
Frid 23	Made sail at daylight a light breze and a thick fog. Seen some gram pus, and cow fish but no whales. I hope we soon shall have clear weather for I think there are whales here. At sun down Shortened sail divided the watch. So here goes to turn in	S W & W			