

Journal of A Whaling Voyage by Wm. O'Keefe

1841 Ship Grand Turk September wind Course Lat Long North West

Wed 17 At day light we set the topsails in SW 49.19 26.21 (close reefed) blowing heavy kept her off land squared the yards North Atlantic by the afternoon fast in sail lay to with the larboard tacks aboard

Sat 18 At day light squared the yards in SW 46.50 29.1 Set top sails (close reefed) blowing heavy. Seen a school of black fish at 12 midnight look for fore and Mizen topsails lifted to the wind Larboard tacks aboard

Sun 19 At day light squared the yards in SW 39.25 ran under close reefed main topsail and jawsail at 10 P.M. Set the fore topsail double reefed at 5 P.M. (Voyage) made land (Mayaguez) at day dawn look for fore topsail here to the weather of the island

Mon 20 A strong breeze at 8 A.M. sent to the bow boat ashore at 3 P.M. we sent our fresh water casks ashore. At 7 P.M. the boat returned some of the men who had ashore the others from home and to cruise some time longer in Mayaguez sent many index all of the boys have got letters from home saw the not even a line. Please I will console myself with the hopes of soon seeing them and then they can give me more news

Tues 21 A strong breeze squally with rain we got moving went ashore in the larboard boat got ashore at 2 P.M. we all stopped ashore to night the whole thinking it was too late and too far to pull to the ship Not much fruit to be got

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Wed 22 The Boat returned to the ship three of us did not return in her to Jackson Pedro Miranda and myself by other boat came ashore but I did not go the ship got under weigh at 7 P.M. that is clear out from the land. I was not willing to go she therefore went and left us

Thurs 23 Today I went to board Wm. Thomas by the American consuls orders who said the ship would be in shortly

Frid 24 Today I walked about the town from already tired of this place and do wish that I was on board of my ship or at home

Sat 25 Today I went to see the Consul and talk to him for some money and clothes he gave me \$8 cash a pair of trousers and a shirt

Sun 26 Today I went to church. they are splendidly finished houses indeed there seems to be no expense spared for to furnish them

Mon 27 Received \$8 from the Consul walked about town to see the fort

Tues 28 Rather dull today nothing of consequence either story instruction or amusement to be had here

Wed 29 As yesterday spent most of this reading some old newspapers

Thurs 30 I shall round the town to end this weary month