

Journal of A Whaling Voyage by Thomas C. Keffe

1841 Ship Grand Turk November Wind calm Lat Long North West

Thurs 25 A strong breeze on the wind blew
Starboard tack, aboard her here
on this tack all of last night North Atlantic

Frid 26 A Dead calm in the forenoon
and foggy breeze Starboard and
West Boats for black fish without
success found a current setting
to the South East P.M. A Light S.E. breeze
set the foremast standing
sail

Sat 27 A Light pleasant breeze very cold N.E. W 43.30 58.0
Set the main top gallant standing
sail

Sun 28 Blowing a heavy gale took in sail N.W.
har her to under close reefed main
and Mizzen topsail. Mizzen and
foremast Mayall carried away
the Starboard bursaphen P.M.
More moderate set the foretopsail
close reefed. On the wind Star
board tacks aboard

Mon 29 A.M. A Light breeze spoke Brig
Kulliar of Hallifax
coast thence from
Lippon P.M. A
strong breeze just as we
en after want to thick fog
with rain and snow

Tues 30 Blowing at times and heavy gale N.W. + N 42.16
all sail in but the close reefed
main topsail and fore Spencer turned
up Starboard boat it commenced
to blow with unabated
force until Sunday to day
More moderate at Sun down were
Ship and set double close reefed
topsails. We have got into the
gulph steering one from. With
we could get home this is a heavy
passage. So ends an other month

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Wed 1 A Strong breeze on the wind N.W. 41.30 60.44
Starboard tack, aboard her here to
get out of the gulph. Low ship at
noon Starboard tack. Low back
again at 2 P.M. Still in the
gulph stream

Thurs 2 A Light breeze in the morning NW 40.9 61.40
Spoke Brig Pallas of
Newburyport 30 days
from Cadiz in distress
for provisions got some
out ready to give her just as we
got ready. It came on to blow
a heavy gale. She could not come
so it was left her boat on the
left but they stood along by
either waiting for a chance to
send it on board of her. The fell
again at 4 P.M. more ship and
stood towards the Pallas at 5
were back and set a light for
her. Standing along under close
reefed main topsail and fore
cer trying hard to get out of the
gulph Starboard tack aboard

Frid 3 A Light breeze could not see any
thing of the Pallas altho we went
aloft for that purpose. I fear the
poor fellows are hungry to day last
night at 9 P.M. was the last
time we saw her light. She was
then astern. We are still in the
gulph stream and it seems as tho
we are never going to get out of it.

Sat 4 Saw some drift wood. At 3 P.M. S 38.35
it came on to blow a gale double
reefed the topsails took in the gib
and main sail at 9 P.M. squared the
yards at 11 furled fore and Mizzen
topsails close reefed the main turned
up Starboard boat at 3 P.M. More
moderate set the topsails close reefed
at 10 came on to blow heavy further than
noon Ship at 7 P.M. Starboard tack

Pallas of Newburyport

Hallifax of Halifax

