

Western Ground 4th of July 1862

This day is the 86th Anniversary of our National independence it is very pleasant today with light breezes at daylight and made sail then washed off decks about 11 o'clock saw some porpoises at 6 o'clock raised a spout one point forward of the weather beam thought it was sperm whales got the boats ready but it turned out to be a jumper I write this to remember the fourth of July in 1862 and so ended that glorious day with a very pleasant evening

Latitude 33° 16' North
Longitude 51° 11' West

Tuesday July 5th 1862

After dinner raised the big school of Beverly Capt Robinson spoke her and Capt came on board she has been out 2 months has seen nothing so that ends this days receiving

Latitude 31° 17' North
Longitude 47° 11' West

Wednesday July 23rd

This day begins with light breeze from the West about 9 o'clock spoke the bk Ellen of Edgarton 14 months out with 100 bls sperm reports spoke Bk Canton Packet 9 1/2 months out with 250 bls sperm oil about 12 o'clock raised a spout to the leeward the first sight called them sperm whales the next rising proved to be blunt nose grampuses, about 3 o'clock saw porpoises but did not get any

Lat 34° 34' North
Lon 33° 13' West

Western Islands Wednesday July 30th

Laying off and on at Fayal, about 9 o'clock the Capt went on shore for recruits, about 5 o'clock came on board with potatoes onions cabbages plums &c. Kept off heading north east by north about 2 o'clock I hauled aback the main yard and layed all night

Thursday July 31st

This day commences with fine breezes close in under graceise saw black fish and grampuses and porpoises by the thousands, about 4 o'clock the wind hauled and blowed strong doubled reefed top sails and furled main sail then tugged to the wind heading east by south, and that ends the month of July 1862

Sunday August 3rd

This day is very pleasant about 4 o'clock p.m. saw a school of black fish leaved but did not succeed in getting past and came on board unsuccessful and that ends this holy day

Latitude 36° 7' North
Longitude 25° 1' West