


Cruising on the  
Stem Gump August 27<sup>th</sup> 1862

This day come in like a lamb with a dead calm  
about 20 minutes after 5 p.m. raised sperm whales  
lowed and  struck the  
waist boat mate gave him one lance and setting  
him to spout thin blood he then got loose from both  
boats and went down but came up pretty quick and  
did not go very fast it was then about 5 o'clock but  
the moon shone then the waist boat struck again  
and succeeded in killing him as got along side about  
half past 12 o'clock at midnight the whale was going  
north East he stowed down 100 blb

Latitude 34° 17' North  
Longitude 24° 14' West

Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>

This day begins with a light breeze at sunrise began  
to cut in, was spoken by the bark Elizabeth Francis  
5 days from Fayal had seen nothing since leaving,  
at sunset had the whale all on deck except his  
head about 7 o'clock commenced boiling.

Latitude ----- North  
Longitude ----- West

Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup>

This day it is blowing strong from the N. West at  
about half past six raised what we called sperm  
whales off our lee beam, run down but did not lower  
it was about dark thought the whales were going  
about east, was steering N. N. West at the time of  
raising then paid now close in hopes of seeing  
them to morrow,



Lat 35° 36' North  
Long 27° 36' West

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Friday August 29<sup>th</sup> 1862

This day the wind is about the same with squalls of  
rain at about six o'clock raised sperm whales lowed  
down all three boats but did not see them after we lowed  
and came on board unsuccessful was heaving by the  
wind some west by south and that ends this unlucky day

Lat 36° 11' North  
Lon 27° 23' West

Monday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

Laying off and on at Fayal at half past ten cap't  
Bole went on shore at 3 o'clock a launch came off and  
we sent our oil on shore the our boat went on shore after  
the captain and recruits potatoes and onions fruit &c  
kept off steering N. E. with a light breeze.

Wednesday Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

Cruising North of the western islands have fine  
weather with faint breezes at 10 o'clock from saw a school  
of black fish lowed but did not fasten came on  
board, at 4 o'clock raised another school the R. D.  
Barston being close to the lowed 2 boats and  
got fast wither lowed but without success spoke  
the R. D. and cap'tan Bussery and boats crew came  
on board our mate went on board and gamell  
until 9 o'clock

Friday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

This day we have strong breezes from the south  
west at 9 o'clock was spoken by the brig Caribaldi  
of Fayal had not taken anything this cruise saw  
bark R. D. Barston to the windward steering  
southeast by east at 11 o'clock I raised Saint  
Marys island bearing East and that ends this  
Day

Latitude 36° 26' North  
Long of St Marys