

Sunday August 28th 1853

A fine day wind light from S.W. island bearing N.E. Saw School of Blackfish and 2 sails during the day Lat 38°50' N. Lon. 27°57' W.

August 29th

Wind and weather unchanging. Day Bearing N. N. E. Spoke Ship Pohahontas Capt. Butler of Matha's Vineyard 2 months out with little or no oil. Gained saw a couple of boys from Matha. made several other sails in course of the day Lat 38°20' N. Lon. 27°

August 30th

Moderate E. N. E. wind Steering full and by on the Starboard tack. Hazed in sight. Lowered for blackfish without success. Lat 38°40' N. Lon.

August 31st

No change. Saw during the day 1 sail. Lowered for cow fish got none. These are a species of mongrel black

Sept 1st

Unchanging. Islands in sight also several sails

Sept. 2nd

Wind increasing steering N. E. Lat 37°30' Lon. 28°

Sept. 3rd

Commencing with stiff breezes from S.W. and some rain. Course S. E. by E. Porpoises came round disappeared before we could get one. Lat 37°41' Lon. 28°27'

Sept. 4th

No change Lat 36°51' Lon. 28°00'

Sept. 5th

Wind and weather same. Spoke and gained with the Heathlan again. Had taken from 30 to 40 lbs since we last saw her. Lat 36°12' Lon. 27°15'

Sept. 6th

The same. Caught a quantity of small fish. We are bound South now. Saw 3 sails quite distant. Standing half watches. A muster in the Starboard watch. All sail on. Lat 36°00' Lon. 27°42'

Sept. 7th

Wind S. S. W. Course E. S. E. and all sail on. Been employed in setting up fore rigging. Thus far we have found plenty of work of some kind and there is generally no lack of employment on board of a vessel destined for a long cruise. Lat 35°54' Lon. 25°47'

Sept. 8th

During the day some squalls of wind and rain