

August 28th 1886

Wind hauled a little and after making several tacks though the breeze was rather light worked in abreast the town at 5 P.M. and pulled in for the Capt. to learn how he got along. He met us at the pier nearly recovered and very anxious to get away from the island. Seemed glad enough to get home again as he said which was much preferred to Fayal. Are now heading through the passage towards St. George.

August 29

Close to the islands with light airs and very little change. Looks to night like rain. Breezes from the S.W. head wind last night and came out of the passage same way that we went in. Pico bears N. by E. about 10 miles.

August 30

Gentle breezes from N.W. made several tacks. Pico just in sight to leeward. Set one of our new pumps today and it is in good working order. Found the old one so rotten it would scarcely hold together while hoisting it out. Had a glorious fiddle to night one of the finest of evenings. While sawing away all at once a school of grampuses came up round us and almost shook our bark with their spouting. Made quite a show in the moonlight.

August 31.

Morning good breezes and pleasant. Latter calm. Rem in between St. George and Pico in the forenoon and are now not far from the former and rather drifting in but guess we shall not get ashore. The Sea flower Capt. Macomber came in astern of us bound to Fayal. We lowered a boat and went aboard of her at 5 P.M. while he calmed. Got no news of account. She is 9 mos. out 14th Apr.

Sept. 1.

Commencing calm. Afternoon took a light breeze and ran out from between the islands. Before noon the Sea Flower having a different wind from ourselves was opposite Fayal. To night strong breezes and cloudy. Graciosa bears S. E. 30 miles. Wind S. E.

Sept. 2. Sunday

Strong winds from S. E. and morning some rain. A tremendous swell sets from the eastward and there must be a heavy gale in that quarter. There is no apparent sign of good weather. Graciosa St. George and Fayal in sight the latter bearing S.

Sept. 3.

Good weather at hand wind from same quarter. Graciosa bears S. E. 30 miles. No whales. Where I wonder are the big fish that are often seen about these islands?