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Fine breeze from W. On the wind with S. tacks aboard suppose we shall be on course more southerly soon. Graciosa bears S. 30 miles. Took in light sails at sunset. Several whalers at some distance.

Sept 12.

Strong breeze from S. Steering E.S.E. saw several merchantmen. One brig passed us steering free showing French colors.

She waved us good luck and pleasant fare with her colors which we answered with ours. To night we set whale watches and we are now for the S. sea once more and may we be prospered and soon leave it again. At present I am to head the S. watch as one of our men is sick. Lat $31^{\circ}38'$ Lon. $26^{\circ}39'$.

Sept 13.

Have a good spell of fair weather - something remarkable for us. A fine steady breeze from W. N. W. Course S. Saw a number of sails. Raised one on our Starboard bow. She crossed our wake not far distant. Carried a heavy press of sail and is probably bound to the Straits.

Passed St. Michaels at 2 P.M. bearing on Starboard beam 40 miles Lat $38^{\circ}30'$ Lon $24^{\circ}33'$.

Sept 14.

No change in wind. Cloudy and at night light showers. Course S. by W. Picked up a Schooners mast - 84 feet long 20 inches diameter - quite a stick. Rather worm-eaten but will make good fire wood and so increase our pile that we may not have to wood again the voyage. Lat. $37^{\circ}20'$ Lon. $22^{\circ}26'$.

Sept. 15.

To day came across a Schooner whaling. There steering S. by W. Heaving made the Schr. on our Starboard bow. We luffed and stood for her in hopes of seeing other whales than the ones they were after. As we neared her perceived one of her boats fast to a large one and no others in sight. The towed 2 boats and pulled for the boat and finding the whale running fast and that by the way they managed there were more chances for them to lose than kill him. One of our boats having fresh hands offered to fasten if it could providing they would divide as is the custom. Not willing however to give us a part yet they kept on after him but soon found it was no use as their line was nearly all out and the loose part too far off to be of any use. So they hailed us at last and offered half if we would fasten and kill the whale. Our boats then gave