

but were too late to do any good for before they got near the irons drawn and feeling free the whale split the water like a flash and was soon out of harms way. Guess by the way he went he appreciated liberty and meant to preserve it raising his monstrous head and wriggling his hump he went surging through the waves leaving a regular track behind and if he keeps on at that rate will probably fetch up some where without doubt. The Schooners boat had been fast from 8 to 10 till 2 P.M. and ought to have rolled him pin up several times if that were possible in that time. It is likely when we met them they were rather fatigued and if so should have given as a fair chance and offer for saving the fellows for them which I believe we might have done in the first off.

Should had they consented to a division both might have haled 50 bbls more as there is no mistake but the fish would have yielded too. Well you can't always tell that certain but it is evident they missed it after they hit it. Our boats returned when we kept S. S. E. The Sch. proved to be the Mountain Spring Capt Holmes from Province town & was no oil stated. The wind to night comes from E. S. E. feels some like the trades though it is rather to far N to expect the
Lat. 30° 48' Lon. 21° 13'

Sept 16th 1855 - Sunday.

No change in general aspect except as we advance S. the home sick feeling deepens for us. Course S. S. E. Lat 34° 11' Lon. 20° 43'

Sept 17.

Continues fine and ^{wind} ~~cooler~~ steady. One of the foremast hands has been regularly installed in Stewards office and our sick one so far recovered as to take his watch course to night S. Lat 32° 41' Lon. 19° 33'.

Sept 18.

Still fine but though there is plenty of water all round us it is getting rather dry as nothing in the shape of the smallest fish or even a sail has been seen to revive the prospect. One thing we have beautiful moonlight evenings which we try to improve by music and dancing but some how don't amount to much after all. Changed our course to night to S by N. Lat 30° 58' Lon. 19° 02'.

Sept 19.

This morning made Palma one of the Canary islands bearing S. by S. 50 miles. Passed it at 12 No. within 30 miles. To day got out a couple of Studding sails. Our course to night S. S. W. Lat 29° 13' Lon. 18° 56'