

Nov. 27th 1855

L-u-c-k luck. Suspecting how we fall in with whales since leaving Fayal. Raised them this morning on our lee bow they were close to us and we lowered all 3 of the boats. Butly from L. got fast. We chased others but could not get near them being gallied. The fast one was long time turning up so we didn't get him alongside till afternoon but finished cutting it at 7 o'clock this evening thus making quicker work of it than ever before in fact having much better weather. Probably this will make from 30 to 40 bls. So our patient endurance meeteth its reward. May it continue. Last 30 was out today when I once thought I should be at home. Shall fire up shortly. Lat 22° 0' Lon. 19° 30'

Nov 28

Fine weather and light N. by E. wind steering E. Bailing. Took in nothing but flying jibb and E. S. gallant tail last night. Under the same sail today. Lat 21° 25' Lon.

Nov 29

Still pleasant with gentle breeze from N. E. Course E. by S. finished trying out this afternoon and set to sail. Saw a host of grampuses just at night. Lat 21° 01' Lon.

Nov 30.

Squally and some rain. Wind chiefly from N. E. Steering nearly E. S. E. Took in No. 5. gallant sail to night wind rising. Lat. 21° 14' Lon. 16° 27'

Dec. 1st

Strong breeze and rugged sea. Course same as last. Killed our last pig to night - a real plump little fellow and much better looking than the dog we got at Fayal. a regular wolfish thing anyway. His disposition will ~~not~~ be the death of him yet I'm thinking - although young begins to exhibit biting signs. Lat 21° 11' Lon. 14° 19'.

Dec. 2. Sunday

Moderate gales from S. E. and pleasant steering E. Refreshed the memory to day by reading old things over. Lat 21° 35' Lon. 13° 19'

Dec 3

Wind fresh from E. S. E. Course about E. N. E. Stowed down our oil to day amounting to 40 bls. Breaking out some of the ground tier found several casks. having had fresh water ever since we left home quite rotten and not more than half full one or 2 were empty. Lat 20° 44' Lon.