

Remarks on Board the Barque Mattapoisett (J. F. Tripp & Master)

Saturday 27th

Commenced with a light breeze from the N.E. vessel steering S. by E. crew employed on ships duty some helping the Cooper set up shooks and others assorting over sweet potatoes. The Island of St. Michael in sight wind shifted into the S. by W. and we had to keep her by the wind heading S. E. Latter part wind and weather the same about 4 o'clock A.M. sighted the Island of St. Mary the last of the Western Islands one sail in sight so ends this day

Sunday 28th

Commenced with a moderate breeze from the S. by W. vessel by the wind heading S. E. crew employed on ships duty saw a large merchant ship to windward also saw grasshoppers beaching. Middle part wind and weather the same. Latter part wind shifted to the S. by W. vessel by the wind and blowing a very strong breeze saw a turtle and no more for this day so ends

Monday 29th

Commenced with a very strong breeze from the S. by W. vessel by the wind heading S. E. crew employed on ships duty we are bound for the Canary Islands. Middle part wind and weather the same with a few squalls. Latter part blowing a gale called the men down from the masthead nothing in sight so ends this day

Tuesday 30th

Commenced with a gale blowing from the S. by W. vessel by the wind heading S. E. with a close reefed foretop sail and foresail & double reefed maintop sail at 4 o'clock P.M. made more sail and kept her S. wind shifted into the W. by N. saw a steamer bound to the westward passed the ship's gunner to starboard

Middle part wind and weather the same. Latter part shook the reef out of the main top sail and set the mainsail steepest and gaff top sail nothing in sight so ends

Wednesday 1st of October

Commenced with a strong breeze from the S. by W. vessel by the wind heading S. E. crew employed on ships duty Middle part. And am weather the same bound for the Canary Islands with a head wind. Latter part the same still blowing heavy saw a sail of the weather beam so ends

Thursday 2nd

Commenced with a very strong breeze from the S. by W. vessel by the wind heading S. E. crew employed on ships duty at 12 o'clock today was within 60 miles of the Madeira Islands exact to sight them tonight it was part wind and weather the same at half past 12 o'clock thick mists the Island of Madeira right ahead. Latter part beating to windward of the Island saw two fishing boats and nothing more so ends

Friday 3rd

Commenced with a moderate breeze from the S. by W. vessel by the wind heading S. E. crew employed on ships duty. Middle part wind shifted into the S. by W. vessel steering a course S. by W. on a bee line for the Canary Islands. Latter part light wind and pleasant weather so ends this day