

Remarks on Board the Brig Medford 1850

Sunday May 26 Commenced with strong breezes from the north steering by the wind to the northward and eastward very rough Middle part the same Employed Boiling at 2 PM Stowed down 40 Barrels at 4 PM finished Boiling

Monday May 27 All these 24 hours fresh winds and rough all hands Employed Boiling and Stowing down oil at 4 AM finished Boiling at noon finished Stowing down oil 6 PM Beating up for the Land Ends very rough

Tuesday May 28 first part of these 24 hours fresh gales from the West and very rough all hand Employed Steaming down back wind and so forth Middle and latter part the same Steaming on either tack working up for the Land not in sight yet

Wednesday May 29 Commenced with strong breezes from the Westward Steaming on either tack at sunset Shortened sail heading to the southward at 4 PM made sail ahead of east made the island of Fayal Ends more moderate evening down the white side of St Georges Saw porpoises

Thursday May 30 All these 24 hours moderate breezes from S.W. Cruising of St Georges and Graces Saw porpoises Saw several Sails So Ends

Friday May 31 Commenced with moderate winds from the S.W. Cruising between St Georges and Graces Saw several Sails at 4 PM spoke and boarded the Bank of Western Capt Cook two months out with 50 lbs sperm oil Middle part Squally wind S.W. Steaming N.W. at 4 PM reefed topsail and main sail Ends very rough Steaming by the wind N.W. for the islands of Canoe and Flores

Saturday June 1 Commenced with gales from S.W. and Squally with rain Steaming by the wind N.W. Middle and latter part the same at 11 PM saw the Island of Canoe and Flores Bearing N.W. Saw several Sails

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Sunday June 2 Commenced with fresh breezes from S.W. Steaming by the wind on either tack working to windward for the islands Carried sail all night at day light Flores bore N.W. 20 miles East Ends with light winds and fine weather working to windward

Monday June 3 Commenced with light winds and fine weather Cruising of the Island Flores Saw 2 Sails Middle and latter part calm Saw grampuses porpoises finbacks and several Sails unhooked the main sail and bent the old one bent the old fore topgallant and fore topmast stay sail Flores bore N.E. Dist 15 miles So Ends these 24 hours

Tuesday June 4 first and middle part of these 24 hours Calm Flores bearing N.E. at sunset lowered the boats for exercise and Boat leaked very bad at 5 PM took her in on deck and new timbered her Ends with light winds from the Westward running down for the Land Saw one Sch could it be Blake

Wednesday June 5 Commenced with light airs and pleasant weather Employed on the waist Boat Middle part Calm at 8 AM Capt Swift from Schooner Robert Blake boarded us wanting a Boat having lost one Boat a few days by being stove by a whale first mate hurt by the whale Ends with light winds from the West at 4 PM saw black fish lowered the boats but to no purpose going quick to windward

Thursday June 6 All these 24 hours light winds from the N.W. Cruising of Flores and Canoe Saw porpoises Sch B. B. in sight and two other Sails sent the Robert to the waist Boat for a few weeks put the Stern Boat in the waist So Ends this 24

Friday June 7 Commenced with light winds from the South West Middle and latter part the same Cruising to the Eastward of the islands of Flores and Canoe Saw several Sails

Saturday June 8 Throughout these 24 moderate winds from N.W. to S.W. Cruising of the west side of Flores Saw two fresh ones porpoises two Sails in sight Supply there to be Robert Blake and the Bank Capt Cook