

July 23<sup>d</sup> After a fine night's rest I arose this Sunday morning quite refreshed and feeling very well tho' as usual on Sunday sad and rather homesick. I had not been up half an hour when the cry of land ho! greeted my ear. I ran on deck and sure enough there was land visible about 10 miles off - it proved to be the island of Graciosa one of the Western islands - caught a man of war this morning - during the course of the day we came in sight of five of the Western Islands - the weather was indeed beautiful and the ocean calm - we are going to cruise around here before we go into any of the islands. Latitude Longitude

July 24<sup>th</sup> We are still in sight of the islands - weather Monday - fine and pleasant - steering full and by - saw another whaleship, thought she was the Hector - Nothing of any consequence today - from observations taken we found ourselves in latitude  $39^{\circ}16'$  and longitude

July 25<sup>th</sup> Last night was rather stormy and the morning dawned with prospects of its continuing so - rugged all day - are no longer in sight of land - it is so rough that I can scarcely write nothing of importance to day - Kept away from the islands towards evening - and before dark were out of sight - no observations taken to day - lat  $39^{\circ}30'$

July 26 Last night at about 12 o'clock it rained very Wednesday - hard indeed for about two hours - This morning was very rugged and stormy the waves rose higher than I had ever seen them before - continued so all day - we took nearly all sail and stood before the wind - nothing new - no mastheads to day

July 27 - The weather was rather calmer and promised to Thursday be fair, we again made sail and stood for the islands - came in sight of Fayal at dusk - saw several whalers today among which was the Addison of New Bedford - whalers generally

go by the name of blubber hunters which is a very appropriate term - as it is that part of the whale which is most valuable - saw no whales but saw blackfish - caught a shipjack from the bows and eat it for supper - it is a first rate fish - no observations to day

July 28 - Fine weather - six ships in sight - all whalers Friday - are close in land looking out for whales - today we began to stand mizzen mastheads - three were chosen out of each watch and I was one of those chosen out of the larboard watch - weather exceedingly pleasant and agreeable - we are now cruising off Fayal and will continue to cruise here sometime before we go on shore - and I will not be able to send any letters home until we go on shore - several of the ships were out of sight before twelve o'clock and before three o'clock they had all vanished but one and that one was heading towards - at about six o'clock the ship was near enough to speak us - she proved to be the Klutsoff of New Bedford - just out and no oil as yet - had not seen whales at all - Being off land no observation was taken

July 29 - The fine weather still continues and it is almost Saturday - a dead calm there being but a very slight breeze - we were close in land all day and towards dusk were just between Fayal and Peter Pico - the latter is an exceedingly high mountain - I believe some eight thousand odd feet - the sight was grand and imposing - there is about ten miles between Fayal and Pico - as yet saw no whales tho' we kept a bright look out - stood wheel and masthead today - am in first rate spirits and begin to like the sea very well

July 30 - Stood watch last night eight hours - the night Sunday - was beautiful and pleasant though quite warm - weather today most beautiful and pleasant - this morning exchanged signals with bark Valparaiso - steered by the wind during my trick at the wheel this morning - Nothing of any importance occurred today -