

August 6th The last week passed off very pleasantly. Sunday indeed the weather was during the whole time very fine and pleasant. we cruised around Fayal until Thursday when we lowered a boat and the Captain and five men went ashore. I happened to be one of those who went on shore and I was much pleased. Fayal is a small town but well situated. the houses are all built of stone and are low and mean in appearance, I must however except the English and American consuls houses and a few public buildings. the streets are narrow and crooked and are all paved. what pleased me the most however was the market and it is really a curiosity. I cannot say much in favor of the inhabitants they are generally filthy in appearance and are of a ^{mean} disposition, taking advantage of every one. they are always ready to steal and will not leave any opportunity of doing so pass. I remained on shore about four hours and had ample time to see all that was worth seeing. Mr. Bell left us here and was placed in the hands of the Consul by the Captain. Johnson one of the green hands being dissatisfied with the ship took this opportunity to run away and has not been seen since he is however no great loss to us. for he was good for nothing. ^{so says the Captain} the next day not seeing any whales we put off and headed towards St. Michaels. We came in sight of this island on Saturday and will in all probability cruise here till after the full moon. We have had nothing to do but attend to the ship and are likely to be idle until we catch a whale, when we will have it hard enough. Some of the crew are rather dissatisfied and I think it very likely that there will be a mutiny before we are six months out. I hope not for I do not want to see any trouble on board.

* There was some foul play about Johnson leaving the ship, and I shall never forget this as long as I live. for I was deeply impressed with the baseness practiced.

August 13th We got in sight of St. Michaels last evening. Sunday being a week and have been cruising off the island since that time but without any success and all hands begin to feel discouraged and it is easy to be seen by their manners and their general deportment which is much different from what it was thus far however there is no trouble, it will be full moon tomorrow or day after and I hope we will then catch a whale or two. The weather throughout the past week has been fine and rather hot. it has been a dead calm nearly all the time and not a whale was seen.

August 20th We left St. Michaels on Tuesday and on Sunday Thursday morning were in sight of St. Mary's we passed this island and pursued our course to the Cape Verde islands. this week we saw a ship whaling and on coming near enough to speak her we found she was the Copia of 3600 barrels she had a large whale alongside. the Captain lowered a boat and went on board of her. the whale was a ninety barrel one. We also exchanged signals with the Minerva. cruised about these latitudes a day or two and then kept on our course to the islands. the weather throughout the week was good. it was calm nearly all the time. Captain Tabor of the Copia informed our Captain of the loss of the ship Henry of New Bedford which took place on Thursday the 3^d inst on the coast of Fayal. this was the same afternoon we left that island. the Henry having gone too near the shore, was becalmed and drifted on shore during the night and stuck on the rocks which surround that island in great numbers. the crew were all saved but the vessel will it is feared be a total loss. This afternoon a stiff breeze from the north east sprung up and pushed us along at a fine rate say about 8 knots. course S. by E.