

Sept 23^d - It is a dead calm and weather promises to be Saturday squally. this afternoon squalls came on in quick succession and it rained abundantly for three or four hours. we wore ship several times today. at seven o'clock I took the wheel and it having cleared up a little and a breeze springing up we tacked ship and then steered by the wind heading S. - nothing seen from mast-heads today.

Sept 24th - Winds and weather fair. last night it Sunday - cleared up entirely there being a stiff breeze. Saw several sails from masthead today but could not make out what they were. Since we came on the Brohis we have not seen a single spout. As usual on Sundays I feel extremely dull and homesick. I cannot help looking back to where I might be and where I should. Oh! that I could but live the last year over again, what a different course I would pursue! how different would be my actions! but that is fact and it remains for me now to repair the injury as much as possible and to steer another and a safer course. Steering by the wind today - head-

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Sept 25th - Winds and weather fair. sail seen from Monday - masthead this morning - three or four breeches and one spout were also seen but nothing could be made of them. we wore ship this morning and at noon. nothing of any importance today - course by the wind or in sailor terms "full and by"

Sept 26th - Winds and weather fair. last night we Tuesday "laid to" under foresail and all topsails with jib and foretopmast staysail - two sails in sight heading the same way as we are - we tacked ship at noon. nothing seen from mast-heads

Sept 27th - Winds very light but weather fair. Nothing Wednesday of any importance - a sail seen from masthead

this morning - at dusk the sail which to be a full rigged brig under all sails and lower and topmast studdensails passed our stern at the distance of about a quarter from the course she was steering we thought she was bound to Rio Janeiro - laid to under topsails & jib

Sept 28th - Winds continue to be light and weather Thursday - the fair the pretty warm at noon it began to be squally and promised to continue so. Nothing from masthead but a bark.

Sept 29th - Weather very squally it blowing at Friday - most a gale. this morning we doubled reefed topsails - it was more or less squally all day - nothing seen.

Sept 30th - Weather today changeable and un-Saturday - pleasant - winds light - a great many whales were seen today from mast-head, but they were not sperm, so we did not lower for them. turned the reefs out of the topsails and kept the ship to the wind. a bark in sight this forenoon.

Oct 1st - Weather very unpleasant it being squally Sunday - all day - it rained in torrents all day - this is the first day of the month and I trust before the month elapses we shall have some oil - felt dull all day.

Oct 2^d - It rained all night and was very squally Monday - towards we doubled reefed topsails - employed the day in breaking out - nothing from masthead

Oct 3^d - Weather changeable - dead calm today - we Tuesday set up the mizzen rigging - nothing from mastheads - turned reefs out of the topsails

Oct 4th - Dead calm - rained all day - saw a Wednesday - good number of sharks - tried to catch one but failed - nothing going on

Oct 5th - Last night was rather squally and this morning we double reefed topsails - but in the course of the day the weather improving we turned one reef out - A brig was in sight the greater part of