

Hayal. But my plan is, that when you think you have stayed on the grounds as long as circumstances and prudence will warrant, that you make directly for Bermuda and with a chart on a large scale of those islands, which I will furnish, approach the islands carefully, - obtain a pilot and make the harbor. Call upon the U. S. Consul for advice relative to the customs of the port and proceed at once to arrange for the shipment of your Oil, and if it appears necessary employ the police to have a regard for your men. I estimate you will have time enough to get in there, lay several weeks, and start from there well recruited, and with a good supply of vegetables say on or about New Years day for a cruise of about sixty days. And, on leaving Bermuda at that season of the year, I would advise that you make directly Northward and strike the parallel of  $40^{\circ}N$ , as far West as  $55^{\circ}W$ , and that you keep in lat.  $39^{\circ}$  to  $41^{\circ}N$ , and in long. from  $55^{\circ}W$  to  $45^{\circ}W$ , until say about the 1<sup>st</sup> of 3<sup>d</sup> month (March 1<sup>st</sup>) when you may be at liberty to run for Hayal or Bermuda. If for the latter, get there, as soon as you can, and lay two or three weeks, and then, say about 4<sup>th</sup> mo. 1<sup>st</sup> leave and proceed to touch lat.  $40^{\circ}N$  in long.  $60^{\circ}W$ , and for the balance of 4<sup>th</sup> month and all of 5<sup>th</sup> month limit yourselves to the parallel of  $40^{\circ}N$ , long. from  $55^{\circ}W$  to  $45^{\circ}W$ .

Relative to the parallel of  $40^{\circ}N$ , in addition to the abstracts already stated, the "Tropic Bird" has seen Sperm Whales

say 4<sup>th</sup> mo 25. lat.  $38^{\circ}14'$  long.  $57^{\circ}10'$   
6<sup>th</sup> mo 16. "  $38^{\circ}54'$  "  $47^{\circ}40'$

The "Roscius" last year.

1864. 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 9. lat.  $40^{\circ}30'$  long.  $56^{\circ}00'$  W.

4<sup>th</sup> mo 24 " *Oliver Crocker* "  $39^{\circ}50'$  long.  $61^{\circ}40'$

6<sup>th</sup> mo 28 " *George* "  $39^{\circ}28'$  "  $56^{\circ}50'$

5<sup>th</sup> mo. " *Delano* "  $40^{\circ}28'$  "  $58^{\circ}00'$

1864. 8<sup>th</sup> mo 30 " *Roscius* "  $39^{\circ}45'$  "  $51^{\circ}50'$

"Roscius" previously

7<sup>th</sup> mo 20. lat.  $38^{\circ}33'$  long.  $48^{\circ}42'$

10<sup>th</sup> mo 29 "  $40^{\circ}00'$  "  $46^{\circ}12'$

" 30 "  $39^{\circ}30'$  "  $44^{\circ}58'$

And Capt. Delano in the 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 1861. lat.  $40^{\circ}N$ , long.  $45^{\circ}W$ . saw many whales.

After the 6<sup>th</sup> month comes in, acting upon the foregoing, and your own observation, in 1865 you may feel at liberty to cruise as you may think best, - but should you be in doubt where to locate - I should confidently believe that you could not do better than to limit yourselves for the whole season, excepting just time enough to run once to Flores or Hayal for vegetables, to lat.  $43^{\circ}$  to  $46^{\circ}N$ , long.  $39^{\circ}$  to  $41^{\circ}W$ . You might not see whales often there in the early part of the season - but as often, I think, as elsewhere provided you stayed all the time within those limits. And upon further consideration I feel like urging you to make that your ground for the whole season, in 1866, that is, after the 6<sup>th</sup> month comes in. I have put on