

Barque Brunett cricking off Madeira

Wednesday strong breezes from the N.E. & cloudy; at 4 P.M. finished
Sept 21 the Topsail & got out water; at 5 the Brigate got up
1842 abreast of us & reefed her topsails; at dark went out of
sight; at sunset tacked Ship & double reefed the topsail
at; made sail in the morning & commenced repairing
another old topsail; not so much as a 100 paces. have
seen to day; dull prospects ahead 2 1/2 months out and
not one drop of sperm oil yet Lat in $32^{\circ}17'N$
Long by Chron $19^{\circ}08'$

Thursday strong breezes from the N.E. & cloudy first part head
Sept 22 ing E.S.E. saw one sail in the after noon; at sunset
furled the foretop sail & close reefed the main; at
daylight made sail & washed off the deck; at 6 P.M. saw
the Island of Madeira bearing N.E. 23 Degrees
distant; two of the crew sick; Capt Luce hooked on
to the cooper's tooth but could not get it out without
breaking the jaw; latter ^{part} employed in mending an
old foresail. Barque heading S by W.
Lat by obs $31^{\circ}39'N$
Long by Chron $18^{\circ}12'W$

Friday ^{the} 23 strong winds and a heavy swell from the N.E.
lowered the Waste Boat to pick up a dead hake;
first part steering N.W. by W; at sunset furled the fore
topsail & hove to under close reefed main; at daylight
made sail & kept off the course; latter part much
the same; Brunett rolling scupper to; saw two
fly fish & one squid. came down from aloft
& commenced making a new palm; Mr Lawrence
employed in mending the gaff topsail; at noon
finished it, and sent it aloft & ends there 24 hours
Lat by obs $31^{\circ}47'N$
Long by Chron $19^{\circ}25'W$

B. E. Mr Luce Master
Saturday ^{the} 24 strong breezes from the N.E. Barque ^{heading} to the Northward &
1842 Westward rose new main braces & lashed the head
of the main trismast; the cook hove Boy Somers on
deck & cut his nose a bleeding; nothing in sight
from the mast head; almost discouraged
Lat by obs $31^{\circ}55'N$
Long by Chron $20^{\circ}37'W$

Sunday ^{the} 25 first part strong breezes from the N.E. Barque
heading N.W.; at 2 P.M. saw a Grampus heading
N.W. & saw a night; at sunset shortened sail & headed
to the Northward through the night in the morning
called all hands made sail: wind N.W. kept off S.E.
at 7:30 mowed from the mast head; then the breeches: but
proved to be a jumper; two Ship jacks playing under the
bows at 10 P.M. took 3 or 4 Lunar observations.
Lat by obs $31^{\circ}44'$
Long by Chronometer $21^{\circ}14'N$
Long by Lunar $21^{\circ}15'W$

Monday ^{the} 26 commenced with fresh breezes from the N.W.
steered E till 2 P.M. raised a sail & heeled to the
S.E. at 3:30 exchanged signals with her; proved to
an American Barque steering to the Westward
at 4 P.M. set in with fine rain till sunset then lighted
up at sunset shortened sail: middle part strong
breezes & cloudy at daylight made sail got breakfast
& turned all the watch to, setting up the fore & main
rigging; we are now making for the Coast of Africa
with all the speed that the Brunett is able
to use; I hope that we shall be more successful
than we have been on this ground;
Lat by obs $30^{\circ}36'N$
Long by Chron $20^{\circ}03'W$