

Barque Brunett in Sight of the Canaries

Tuesday
Sept 27 first part strong breezes from the NE Barque
1842 steering SE; rained a little in the afternoon at
night double reefed the topsails; middle part cloudy
called hands & made all sail at daylight at 3 AM
saw the Island of Palma bearing SE by S 30 miles
Distant; at 10 AM a Shoal of very large Albicor
came round the Ship but made a short turn;
at noon wind ENE
Lat by obs 28° 37' N
Long by Chro 19° 06' W

Wednesday 28 commenced with strong breezes from ENE Barque
heading to the Southward & Eastward; at sunset
handed the fore topsail & headed from the Land
at 3 in the morning were round towards the Land at
daylight made sail; saw the Is. of Ferro; nothing
of the fish kind in sight from the mast not so much
as a bird; came down from aloft took a Lunar
observation
Lat by obs 28° 13' N
Long by Chro 18° 30' W

Thursday
Sept 29 light breezes & variable Ferro bearing NE 20
miles dist the watch employed in some small
jobs about the rigging; at 9 in the morning a light
squall came off the land which parted the main
topsail tie; spliced it & sent it aloft again; latter part
the after gang employed in shooting Lunars
& regulating Sextants & Quadrants no fish in sight
to day
Lat by obs 27° 26' N
Long by Chro 18° 19' W
Long by Lunar 18° 23'

E No Lucie Master

Friday Sept 30 first & middle part pleasant breezes; Barque steering SE by S
saw on Bozpoies from the mast head; came up with the fore
top mast stays & served them with sinnet; lost the Capt.
gauge over board trying to cut the hole in the deck bigger;
finished little after sunset; handed the light sails at dark
latter part calm lowered the Mast Boat & scrubbed & scraped the
sides for the want of better employment; Jim lost a scraper
overboard; only two more on board Lat by obs 27° 03' N
Long by Chro 17° 55' 45" W

Saturday
October 1st light breezes from the Westward and beautiful weather
1842 three of the Canary Islands in sight; course SE by E very little
work on board to day; at 5 PM had a fine view of Tenerife;
at sunset furled the light sails; at 7 AM saw a Brig
steering to the Westward & at 10 lowered the Starboard
boat & caught a Turtle; rode of Bozpoies & 2 Grampuses
in sight from the mast head Lat by obs 26° 44' N
Long by Chro at noon 17° 23' 30" W
Appearance of the Peak of
Tenerife bearing NE by S
78 miles Distant

Sunday
October 2 light breezes from the Westward course SE by S at 7 AM
raised a Shoal of sperm whales at 10 lowered the Boats
whales 3 miles distant latter part all three Boats
fast; a good prospect for getting down oil
so ends these 24 hours
no obs to day
Lat by DR 26° 26' N
Long by DR 16° 55' W