

23<sup>d</sup> May 1864 Monday.

A fine day, we have now got into the Southern Trade, and may expect this breeze to bring us as far as the line.

The Capt. McNaughton and Moody saw a whale about (they said) 100 yards from the ship but distance is very deceptive at sea. I was in my cabin reading at the time - we have our poop open again. Mac went to bed early but I sat up reading in the cabin until 12.

The Capt. this morning forbid the 1<sup>st</sup> class passengers going before the main mast and the second are not to go on the poop -

Thurston in Saloon 70

24<sup>th</sup> May 1864 Tuesday

At dawn we saw a large ship about 20 miles ahead, with all sails set and going before us after dinner we were within 100 yards of her and spoke to her without a speaking trumpet. She turned out to be the Drier from Amsterdam to about 6.30 a.m. passed the Island of Madiera about 15 miles on our port side. Mac and I sleep our hammocks under the life boats and slept out. I never slept better sounder. I think some of the other passengers will soon be following our example.

Being the Queen's birth day the second class had great singing, and drinking, and went to bed after singing "God Save the Queen" and drinking her health, and giving three times three