

Ship Cambria While Cruising Near the Equator

Thursday Sept. 14th 1848 All these 24 hours fine trade from the S.E. with fair weather steering by the wind part the time on one tack & part the time on the other all sail set Lat by Obs. 4.00 Long by Obs. 175-10

Friday Sept. 15th 1848 Commenced with a fine trade from the S.E. with fair weather all sail set by the wind midday part light sail's furled latter part all sail out saw one fish back Lat by Obs. 3.30 Long by Obs. 175-21

Saturday Sept. 16th 1848 Commenced with a fine trade from the S.E. with fair weather steering by the wind to the North at 6 A.M. reached 8 fathoms in the light sail's midday part light trades at 5 P.M. raised ship's latter part very strong trades put one reef in the No. 1 sail, but 3-57 Saws 174-57

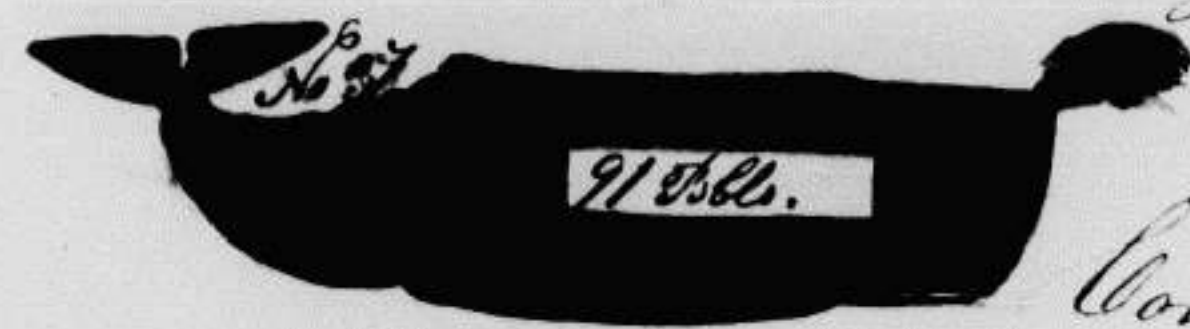
Sunday Sept. 17th 1848 All these 24 hours very strong trades at East steering by the wind to the N.E. at 9 A.M. saw a large black at 10 miles the top sail's very strong trades to rise up the Corners when I judged the ship up with them we see the black but saw nothing more at midday were that got the Corners.

Lat by Obs. 2.29 Long by Obs. 174-55 West.

Monday Sept. 18th 1848 Commenced with a very strong trade with fair weather steering by the wind to the S.E. with two reefs in the top sail's midday part the same at 1 P.M. on bent the fore top sail to repair half part 4 saw Whales breaching off the lee top off for them half part 9 could see them brought made up the sail and lowered the boats & very soon went along side of one and forepawed him so chase the remainder part of the 24 hours so ended. No Observation Whales bore no quick to the N by South.

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Tuesday Sept. 19th 1848 Commenced with a brisk trade and squally boats off in chase of Whales half part 1 P.M. came along side of the ship & took the boats in tow about 3 started again for the Whales about 5 struck a fellow and dived from him at 6 boats returned with out success stood to the North until 2 P.M. then wore to the S.E. at daylight made all sail we could and commenced again on the fore top sail half part 4 saw Whales made the sail up and stowed it below half part 9 lowered the boats and struck two Whales soon a large one and a good size Cow parted from the Cow lost 2 fathoms and 300 yds fathoms of line at 12 took the Whales to the ship ends with light air and a bad swell on sea end. Lat by Obs. 3.56 South.



Wednesday Sept. 20th 1848 Commenced with light air and squally with rain all hands employed cutting & trying to cut but we had bad work enough ship's rolling & scuppers too and could not make her lay still no way we could fix it at 6 P.M. drenched but still the head was not off midday part much rain with heavy squalls split the main and mizen top sail's closed them up and furled them at 6 P.M. commenced cutting again latter part thick squally weather with a great deal of rain about 12 finished cutting got an old sail up over the try-works for an awning so ended No Obs.

Thursday Sept. 21st 1848 Commenced with thick rainy weather at 1 P.M. commenced bei'ing at 2 wore ship to the North set the fore sail spanker & main spanker the top sail too much damaged to set if I tried it, midday part fair weather latter part fine trades and pleasant at 3 P.M. loosed the main top sail to dry after be'ing called the fore top sail up on deck finished reefing it bent it and set it then on bent the main top sail and bent another set that and the No. 1 sail & fly jib employed looking for ends.

Lat by Obs. 3.40 Long by Obs. 176-45