

Off Payta.

Tuesday April 10th 1855.

Pleasant weather, finished writing in the forenoon after dinner. Mr. Myself and Mira Anna went on shore in Mr. Taylor's boat. landed on the pier, walked up as far as Capt Alexander Bathurst's and carried our letters; got some late papers; then called on Capt Charles Howard & wife, of the Courier at Bedford, who were about to return home across the land, also saw Capt Cashman of the Sea Breeze at Bedford, who was very much out of health; had left his ship to return also; Mrs Swan's was sick would leave her husband and return with the others, Mrs Boston had come to join hers, arrived at P the same day the Superior Capt Boston did; saw Captain Wood of the Eugenia who was also coming across having sent his ship home with the remains of his deceased wife on board. Payta is a barren place not the least vestige of green to be seen any where, the houses are built of bamboo with thatched roofs. saw one fine building the custom house, it is of iron and was brought out from England. Mira Anna was very much pleased with three little Paroquette's, we also saw some parrots, at night went on board our ship, coming off saw a vessel with the yards and ropes covered with birds, went alongside of a schooner and got some bananas. at 6 o'clock became full and stood to sea.

Mr Hussy is now male and Mr Taylor 2^d male.

Wednesday 11th 1855.

Brisk trades and fine weather, steering W. saw finbacks and Blackfish, had a good time reading letters, and found considerable more news.

Thursday 12th 1855.

Brisk trades from the S steering W. saw Blackfish

Friday April 13th 1855

Brisk trades, steering N saw Porpoises & Grampass saw Blackfish, lowered and the W.B. got one.

On the Coast.

Saturday April 14th 1855.

Brisk trades and fine weather, saw finbacks and Porpoises, saw Blackfish, lowered but without success
Lat by Mercator 4^o 00' S.
Long by Chron: 81^o 51' W?

Sunday April 15th 1855.

Brisk trades and fine weather, steering N. of W. saw finbacks & Killers.
Lat 4^o 20' S.
Long 82^o 20' W?

Monday April 16th 1855.

Brisk trades from the S. E. and fine weather steering N. of W. saw porpoises.
Lat 4^o 24' S.
Long 82^o 48' W?

Tuesday April 17th 1855.

Moderate breezes and fine weather, steering N. of W. saw porpoises and finbacks.
Lat 4^o 48' S.
Long 82^o 29' W?

Wednesday April 18th 1855.

Moderate winds, and cloudy, middle part squally shortened sail, saw nothing, had some rain.

Thursday April 19th 1855.

Commenced with moderate breezes, and cloudy weather, heading to the W. at 8 o'clock saw whales, lowered the boats, at noon the boats returned, bringing 2 whales, the S.B. & L.B. commenced cutting, at night finished, at 7 o'clock the watch.
Lat 4^o 58' S.
Long 82^o 15' W?

Friday April 20th 1855.

Commenced with moderate breezes, and cloudy weather, steering W. all hands employed in boiling, latter part the same, saw nothing.
Lat 4^o 42' S.
Long 82^o 42' W?

Saturday 21st 1855.

Moderate breezes from S. S. W. heading to the E employed in boiling, at night finished, saw finbacks

Sunday 22nd 1855

Strong breezes from the S. W. and cloudy, heading to the E. saw finbacks.
Lat 4^o 38' S.
Long 81^o 35' W?

Monday April 23rd 1855.

Commenced with moderate breezes from the S. S. W. heading to the W. saw finbacks and Porpoises at night wore ship to the E and took in the light sails.
Lat 4^o 52' S.
Long 82^o 32' W?