

Off the Galapagos Islands.

Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Trade winds from the S. E. and good weather  
on heading to the S and W. saw Porpoises.  
Lat 2° 35' S  
Long 87° 40' W.

Monday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1855.

Trade winds from the S. E. and good weather  
heading to the S and W. after noon broke out  
the rain, supplied the men with pipes & tobacco.  
saw Grampuses, Gillers, Blackfish and Porpoises.  
at night shortened sail.  
Lat 7° 38' S  
Long 89° 5' W.

Tuesday May 22<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Winds from the S. E. and beautiful weather.  
steering S and W. passed Hood's Island.  
saw several birds from there; saw  
Finbacks & Blackfish, at night Charles  
Island and Gardner's in sight.

Wednesday May 23<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Strong trades from the S. E. and fine weather  
heading for Charles Island.  
passed around Saddle W. at noon ar-  
rived opposite Black beach Roads, saw  
several Bullocks on the beach; after  
dinner, Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> Mates went on shore with  
two boats, shot two Bullock and both escaped.  
went up to the settlement, and at night returned  
with a little lumber, a few hides, some bamboo, &c.

Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Fine weather, laying off and on at Charles Island  
at 7 A.M. Capt & Mate with two boats went on shore  
shot a young creature and saved it, also caught two  
green turtles, and returned at 1 P.M.; steered at 6  
and at 5 went on shore at Post Office Bay; August  
and Jissy went, saw a cow & calf on the rocks, heard the  
birds sing and warble, which sounded very sweetly to us.

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at 6 returned to the ship, saw plenty of seal and turtle  
steered at for Indefatigable Islands.

Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Moderate trades and fine weather, steering at. hands  
employed in hauling up chains and landing anchors,  
saw a sail; passed on the east side of nameless islands  
and Duncan's. at 2 P.M. dropped  
anchors in Bonny Bay, at Inde-  
fatigable Island, in 9 fathoms  
water, the men cleared up decks and all hands went  
to work on the ship, fitting the topmast back stays  
and hauling the foremast forward; Wm. myself &  
Jissy, with the two boys went on shore a little while  
we could go only a few rods on account of rocks, found  
plenty of dry wood, the boys collected part of a boat  
load and we returned to the ship.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Moderate trades and fine weather, all hands at  
work in getting the bowsprit down and setting up  
rigging; after dinner Wm. myself & Jissy, with  
Cook & Steward went on shore again, the men  
collected wood; saw several turtles, at 5 went on  
board with a boat load of wood.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Moderate trades and fine weather; at 9 A.M. Mr. H.  
and I Smith went across to Duncan's Island, about  
8 miles, to see what the prospect was for getting Sarcopina  
Wm. myself & Jissy went on shore again, saw Pelicans &  
Guano Lizards (Ipsos & C), came on board to dinner.  
at night Capt & 2<sup>d</sup> Mates went on shore to catch turtle  
came on board bringing two very large green turtles.  
at 8 in the evening the boats returned  
from Duncan's Island with 10  
small Sarcopina found them scarce, and rough travelling.