

Chas Phelps

Bound to the North West

Tuesday Feb 20th 1858

Lively trades. All sail set standing in for Indefatigable. At 3 lowered away 3 boats and went ashore for terrapin. At 7 came on board with 6. Middle part light wind and calm. Lying off and on. Latter part calm. Lowered away and went on shore again.

Wednesday March 1st

Lively trades. Sail lying off and on. At 5 the boats came on board with 5 terrapin. Middle part light wind. Steered N by W for Aftermath. At 12 calm. Latter part showery. At 10 a lively breeze.

Thursday March 2nd

Lively trades and good weather. Steering N by W for the S head of Aftermath. At 4 the head bearing west distant 10 miles. Supper for the wind. Middle part light wind and calm. Lying off and on. Latter part light wind. At 8 lowered away 3 boats and went ashore for terrapin. Saw Blackfish.

Gallapagos Islands

Friday March 3rd

Light winds from the E and fine weather. Lying off and on. South head of Aftermath. At 4 the boats came on board with 3 terrapin. Toward in the p.m. and steered W with a fresh breeze. At 4 moderate fast and hauls to W. Latter part light wind and foggy. Towing boats and stowed down chain.

Saturday March 4th

Light winds from the SW and good weather. Course N by W. Employed in painting boat, stowing anchors and setting up rigging. Nothing seen. Middle part light wind from the E by N and foggy. Latter part at 9 wind hauled to the N. Painting boat 8.00 1.50 S

Sunday March 5th

Light winds from the S and haze. Course N by W. Painting boat. Carved fin back. Middle part and latter baffling air and calm. A current setting southerly 0.59.5

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Monday March 6th 1858

First part of these 24 hours a dead calm. Nothing to be seen. Middle part a light breeze from the S.E. Latter part light baffling air. Took in the Row boat to paint. Drawing yards for Bone Shun yarn. 15.3 95.40

Tuesday March 7th

Light air from the S and good weather. Course N by W. Employed in painting Row boat and drawing yards for Bone Shun yarn. Nothing seen. Middle part weather the same. Latter part wind and weather the same. Saw a Whale ship heading westward. 1.39.3

Wednesday March 8th

Light air from the S and good weather. Course N by W sail set. Exchange signal with the Whaler. Blue white and blue. Middle part a light breeze from the S.E. and good weather. Latter part the weather the same. Employed in making Bone Shun yarn and at work on the whale gear. Saw a school of Black fish going quick to the windward. 1.08 94.50.

Thursday March 9th

Lively breeze from the S.E. and good weather. Steering N by W with all sail set. Employed in making Shun yarn. Towing and at work on whale gear. Nothing seen. Middle part the wind and weather the same. Latter part lively wind. At work on Shun yarn. At 11 wind hauled to the N.E. with rain. No observation.

Friday March 10th

Light winds from the N.E. and showery. Course N by W. At 11 the wind hauled back again to the S.E. and chaps up. Nothing seen. Middle part the weather the same. Latter part lively wind from the S.E. and good weather. Making Bone Shun yarn. 2.00 96.50

Saturday March 11th

Lively breeze from the S.E. and good weather. Course N by W all sail set. Nothing seen. Making Bone Shun yarn. Middle part showery. At 3 wind shifted to the N and until 6 clear and hauls from N.E. to N by W with rain. At 6 becomes steady at N.E. and chaps up fine weather. At work on Shun yarn. 3.19 98.02