

Ship Courier Whist Cruising on the Coast of Japan

Friday April 16th 1841

Commenced with a calm and cloudy weather middle part a moderate breeze from the NW steering by the wind with the starboard tack aboard latter part wind from the NW steering by the wind with the starboard tack aboard thick cloudy weather employed repairing an old sail second No Obs.

Saturday April 17th 1841

Commenced with a moderate breeze at North steering by the wind with the starboard tack aboard at 6 P.M. shortened sail for the night and wore ship to the Eastward at midnight wore back middle part a moderate breeze from the NE with fair weather at daylight made sail half part 6 bells left off West at 10 A.M. made Alejandro's bearing N by E about 20 miles Dist so ends with pleasant weather

Lat by Obs. 25° 31' North.

Sunday April 18th 1841 Commenced

with a fresh breeze from the E.N.E. with fair weather running down for the tide at 4 halted off NW at 6 shortened sail for the night & heeled to the wind middle part backwinds with sun fog at 2 A.M. wore ship at daylight with the S.E. & Paanher at 11 heeled off to star down to the tide the ship roared the main boat down broke down one of the cranes and stove a small hole in the boat stowed it up with a piece of duck at 12 saw spouts in shoar could not make them out so ends Ship with in 2 miles of the West side of Alejandro

Monday April 19th 1841 Commenced

with a moderate breeze from the Eastward at half past 12 bore down the boats and pulled in for the whales but found them to be hump backs come along and took up the boats with the main sail and stood to the North at 6 P.M. took in the main sail 6 bells Paanher middle part a light air from the S.E. steering North at daylight made all sail at 5 saw Whales at 6 hoisted the boats for them the Whales perceived us could not get on at 7 took up the boats at half past 8 loved the boats again about 11 struck one or half struck him, heeled on about 5 minutes and the Iron dropped out 12 took up the boats and stood to the Westward Alejandro bearing South second Lat by Obs. 25° 57' North.

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Tuesday April 20th 1841 Commenced

with a light air from the South with over cast weather steering by the wind to the Westward at 8 P.M. saw Whales bound to the NE bore down the boats and chased but night came on & we gave them up at 9 P.M. took up the boats shortened sail for the night middle part a light air from the S.E. with thick cloudy weather stood to the Eastward at day light made all sail latter part light air and calm with thick weather so ends Lat by Obs. 26° 15' North.

Wednesday April 21st 1841 Commenced

with a light air from the NW steering S.E. at 4 P.M. the wind left us at sunset doubled reefed about half past 11 heard a whale spouted a number of times close to the ship at 12 took a light breeze from the S.E. stood to the South until 2 A.M. then tacked to the Eastward at daylight made sail and while we were making sail saw a whale close to the ship presently another they perceived the ship and started quick to the windward down boats and after them struck one about 6 miles to the weather of the ship and got the boat badly stove pulled up another boat and struck the whale in about half of an hour she got stove after getting the whale spouting thick blood out the line and let him go the third boat took the whale stove ones in tow at 11 took them along side the ship then sent the boat off to look for the whale took in the boats and put one out and got her ready for whaling put the badly stove boat over head on the side & commenced repairing the other, so ends. No Observation

Thursday April 22nd 1841 Commenced

with a light air from the S.E. with pleasant weather standing to the Eastward employed repairing a boat at half past 1 P.M. saw a whale to the S.E. that we supposed to be the crippled one sent the other boat off in pursuit of him at 2 P.M. tacked ship and at 3 saw the whale laying dead on the water about 1/4 of a mile to the S.E. weather beam halloed the main top sail to the mast and made the signals for the boats which they quickly obeyed at half past 4 halloed the whale along side and made him fast solid at 5 got one boat repaired put her on the cranes middle part calm

4 bells. got ready for cutting half past 5 A.M. heeled on half past 5 finished cutting remainder of the day employed clearing away the head start calm with sun fog so ends. Lat by Obs. 26° 11' Long 141° 39' E