

Ship Cyrus Cruising on the Coast of Chili. Paul West, 1805

Tuesday
January 7th Commences strong Southwesterly Gale and Rugged Wth lying
too hinder off to the WSW. Middle part more moderate
at 3 AM made sail more ship and headed in ESE

all the Middle part, at 2 AM saw sail at 4 spoke
led found it to be the Ship Diana of New Bedford with
1000 Bbls of Spinal Oil on board, from the Coast of Peru
homeward bound, at 5 AM saw ship and headed off to
SW with brisk single Reef Topsail breezes and a high Sea
on Saw one School of Black fish but no Land Wth large

Wednesday
January 8th Commences Light winds varying round to the End
and a high Swell from the SW steering Southward by
the wind, Middle and Latter part Light Easterly air
and large Wth saw humpbacks and black fish, the Diana
in sight. At noon the Marys bore S 60 E Dist 26 leagues

Thursday
January 9th Commences Light N Easterly winds and fair Wth
steering South Middle part fair headed in SE and set
all sail, at noon saw whales supposed them Spermacetuses
made preparations but they proved to be humpbacks
continued steering SE till 8 AM saw no land, then
headed the Jib and Main sail and steered SSE

Friday
January 10th First part light Land breezes at N E steering
SSE till 5 AM then ESE till 10 made the
Islands of Mocha bearing EBN Dist 5 leagues
steered WSW saw nothing except a few pieces of kelp
stood off to the WSW with wind at NNE and
very pleasant Wth at 8 AM saw two and lay all the

Saturday
January 11th Latter part the Diana in sight,
to day whiffled and courses Jib, Mizzen, Stay sail, &c
and got on our cruising Chills

Ship Cyrus Whaling on the Coast of Chili. Paul West, 1805

Tuesday
January 7th First part Light winds at N & 3/4 SW and thick Wth
the Diana in sight. Middle part fair & clear at noon
saw Mocha EBN Dist 6 leagues

At 1 AM saw a Large School of Spermacetuses put off
Killed six or eight of them, put 7 in the Evening got the
of them along side and by 8 had them well secured with chains
and Employed the watch at preparing to take them in
as soon as daylight appears again the Diana at 2 AM

Wednesday
January 8th At 5 this morning having light air at SW and
fair Wth looked on to our school of dead whales and at 11
had them all on board, at which time the wind breezing at
South with every appearance of a strong wind made sail and
stood in under the Lee of Mocha and came too with the
Latter part lower on 10 1/2 water had bottom, the West Point
bearing WSW, and about one mile distance from the
nearest Shore, and began to haul the heads and to try
and blubber, landed with the boat and saw one Man on shore
plenty of Horses, Hogs, &c. Ends, moderate Southwesterly

Thursday
January 9th Commences moderate SE Easterly winds and fair Wth
laying a tryng under the Lee of Mocha, at 3 in the morning
landed and got a small supply of fresh beef at 11 light
variable winds and calm, the current setting N W 1/2 W
at 11 got our Anchor and stood out NW to Sea
with light wind at WSW and fair Wth Employed at
tryng at 7 AM saw a Ship to the N W did not speak her
While in at Mocha I discovered a leak at her shoedings
forward on the L^{ft} side the caulking all went away so stop
it and overhauled about the hour

At midnight spoke the Ship that we saw at 7 which
proved to be the Adventure of London Capt. Page
four months out no whale No particular Manner