

Ship Cyrus Whaling on the Coast of Chile. Paul West. Master 1805

Sunday 20th Light Variable winds and Calm throughout this day cruising about to the Distance of 10 or 12 Leagues N.W. of Mocha without seeing anything but Sunfish and one Lumpback, the adventures signal again for a Spermaceti but they got none the Wth proving foggy

Monday 21st Commences Light Westerly winds and calm plying to windward to get a little more offing Middle path brk wind at N.W. steered off S.W. till 5 A.M. at came foggy the wind varying round to S.W. by E. and lay by all day. Latter part, Mocha East 12 or 15 Leagues

Tuesday 22nd Stiff Southerly Gale and dead Wth throughout these 24 hours Mocha East 15 to 20 Leagues Distance at 1 afternoon saw a Large school of Spermacetes Ship, Diana of N Bedford amongst them and got one but before I could get near them they all got away to windward rising (about South) very fast, the wind being very fresh we could not have a prospect for a whale

Wednesday 23rd fresh double reef, Trawl breezes and dead Wth at S.S.E. standing off S.W. all day at 8 A.M. move Ship and stood in all the latter part under double reefs fore & aft at 4 A.M. lost sight of the adventure Employed as necessary

Thursday 24th Strong Southerly Gale and hazy weather standing in under double reefs at 10 A.M. saw Mocha E by N 6 Leagues the weather being very rough and too ragged for whaling stood in under the Lee of Mocha at noon came too close 2 whales had bottom the N.W. point of Mocha W.W.S. and the East point S.E. this afternoon went on shore, found two dogs and the Ruins of the business house

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Friday 25th Commences brisk E. & S. winds and hazy weather laying at Anchor under the Lee of Mocha Middle part more moderate have shot with an intention of getting under way but before the boat returned a very strong Gale sprang up at S.E. struck the Ship astern so paid out Cable and brought her up again and lay all the latter part having very strong Breezes at S.E. and clear Wth took off another load of wood, some Meat & one hog and plenty of young Turnip tops for Guinea

Saturday 26th heavy Gale at S.E. to South and hazy weather laying at Anchor under the Lee of Mocha one boat crew on shore in search of Iron-poles, Beef, Pork Vegetables &c. &c. went down the Main Tackle repaired the Sail and sent it aloft again the winds blowing very heavy, required 500 Cable on 12 and

Sunday 27th Commences very heavy Gale at S.S.E. and hazy weather Boat on shore as usual, got plenty of Iron-poles, one hog, and one horse which we took on board alive. Mean while (for the breeze began to abate) took the Anchor and stood out to the Westward with fresh wind at S.S.E. and hazy weather all the latter part under double Reefs fore & aft

Monday 28th First part fresh winds at S.S.E. and rough Wth standing off by the wind Middle and latter part more moderate saw plenty of Blackfish at 4 A.M. saw a Sail that did not speak her Employed as necessary at Sunday jobs about the Ship So ends all well on board Ship Cyrus but the weather very boisterous for the season of year