

Ship Cyrus Whaling on the Coast of Chili. Paul West. Master 1865

Tuesday Jan 29th Light Southerly winds and fair weather all of this 24 hours cruising off and on, at from 6 to 16 Leagues distance NBN from Mocha, saw plenty of B. fish but no Spermaceties at 1. A. N. saw a Ship trying whale at 6 spoke Leo, found it to be Capt. Page in the Adventure and had lately got one small whale and has seen whales for these five days past, but the weather too bad for to do anything with them, it might have too as usual.

Lat 33-12
74-40

Wednesday Jan 30th Having met with the Adventure again, and for the more convenient settlement of the oil that we get when in company before (Jan 14) we concluded to join our chances until we could get some more whale to make the quantity on board each Ship nearly equal.

At 6 in the morning as soon as sail was made saw several Spermaceties put off all Sea boats & got two of them, took them both to the Cyrus, hauled on and at noon had them both on board, made sail & steamed off with small winds at S. E. to S. W. all day, Mocha in sight E. S. E. 6 Leagues Distance, saw a strange Sail to windward, took my Hook.

Lat 34-20
74-19

Thursday Jan 31st Commences Gentle Southerly winds and Cloudy W. E. Empty D. at trying at 1. A. N. finished trying but our small whales both did not stow it below the day. Middle and Latter parts Gentle Gale with South and remarkable fair clear weather but nothing in sight but Mocha at E. N. E. 6 Leagues Distance, and the Ship Adventure of London Capt. Page in the course of the day saw many Black-fish.

Lat 35-30
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Ship Cyrus of London

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Friday Feb 1st Commences Light Southerly winds and fair W. E. at 5. A. N. saw a large school of spermaceties gave chase to them but they being in very rich water amongst all was but we only got one very small whale, took her to the Adventure and with her in which we were Employed at stowing down our Whales that made 40 Bbls of Oil together with a small quantity of the oil of our five whales. Middle part calm saw plenty of B. fish and got one of them saw three strange Sails at 4 Gentle Gale at N. W. spoke Ship Georgia-Anna of London Capt. — Boston with 750 Bbls lately from the Galapagos Islands at 8 A. N. took fresh winds at S. W. heading off Mocha from E. N. E. to N. E. 12 to 6 Leagues Dist.

Lat 33-36
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Saturday Feb 2nd All of this day strong Gale at South & S. E. and clear weather at 3. A. N. Mocha bore N. N. E. 12 Leagues Distance set two reef T-peaks and ran down under the lee of Mocha and came too on 15. I noted the N. W. point W. B. S. & the East point S. E. here found the Brigg Polly of New-Haven, Capt. — on a shining voyage, he had 3000 skins on board the Adventure in company, sent a boat on shore & got some Turnip tops for all hands, I. P. Ende.

Lat 33-24
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Sunday Feb 3rd very strong Gale at S. E. to both and clear but heavy W. laying at anchor under the lee of Mocha, and a boat crew on shore got five hogs two of them alive, the others dead. likewise plenty of Mint, Turnip-tops, Turnip-yeal, and Potatoes. Latter part saw two Ships laying hove to under their (two reef) Main-top-sails, drifting to the Northward by the Island, when we first saw them they could have fetched in under the lee of Mocha, but the winds too violent for them to make more sail, so Ende all well on board of Ship Cyrus of London.

Lat 34-18
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