

Ship Cyrus, whaling on the Coast of Chili, Paul West. master 1855

Monday 4th February Strong Southerly Gale and very heavy weather, laying at anchor under the lee of Mocha, in E with the ship Adventure & part of the crew on shore getting M^{ts} &c. as Antisubst^{ns}. Latter part a little more moderate gets a strong Gale and heavy Sea on outside of Mocha Employ'd at sundry necessary jobs on board, set up sheet sheathed the heads in the way of eating in whales &c. &c.

Tuesday 5th February this morning the winds playing away (in shore) I got under way and stood out from under the lee of Mocha, but no sooner out than we took the wind Southerly so strong as to bring the ship under pressure Tossing and Surging fore and aft and stood out by the wind which prevailed at S S E all the latter part at 8 shortened sail as usual

Wednesday 6th February Commences with the playing away of a southerly at 5 Morning made sail and cruised about 10 1/2 M^{ts} of Mocha. At noon saw two whales put off all three boats and struck one of them soon killed her and took her along side at 2 A N and at 6 had her all on board stood to the North spoke the Adventure, and were round headed off shore with gentle Gales at N W Employ'd at trying out our small whales (Each one this am) Conce

Thursday 7th February Commences with freshening Gales at N N W and muggy M^{ts}, at 9 Morn it began to rain at 10 finished trying the body blubber and the rain put out our fires so stopped trying and cleared Decks at noon it cleared up a little as began again upon the Head and at 5 A N finished it and cleared the deck again, the winds continuing fresh at N N W with an ugly rough Sea on. Saw humpbacks lost sight of the Adventure. S. Ends Mocha leaving East 11 Leagues Dist

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Friday 8th February Commences fresh & westerly winds and very squally M^{ts} Employ'd at coopersing our small faves of Oil and stood at between decks. Middle part heavy dirty weather stood in to the E until 2 A N headed off S W by the wind Latter part small winds blowing about 6 1/2 M^{ts} saw Mocha S S E 8 Leagues, and one humpback

Saturday 9th February Light Variable winds and a large swell from the N W all the fore part, with a great many humpbacks in sight at noon took a breeze at South Head off West. At 1 o'clock saw sperm whales put off all three boats struck and got two small whales, the West boat got stove, returned on board took up the boat, and launched the spare boat, but without further success, lost three harpoons and 50, or 60 of line At 7 A N got the whales along side and secured them and lay under Close reef M^{ts} S S E all the latter part with gentle Southerly winds & fair W^{ts} Land 10 Leagues

Sunday 10th February Commences moderate Southerly winds and cloudy M^{ts} at 5 looked on to our whales and at 8 had them both on board so made sail and stood in with freshening gales at S S E and heavy, at noon saw the Land East 6 1/2 M^{ts} more ship and headed off at 8 A N strong Gales and head, took in sail to M^{ts} S S E & sail at 5 in P M and close reefed the M T S Employ'd at trying, and repairing our stoven boat, & M^{ts} stay sail

Monday 11th February Strong Winds at S S E and heavy M^{ts} all the first & Middle part of this day laying too loaded S W at 6 P M finished trying then began to stow down all oil above the lower deck. Latter part more moderate winds and less Sea on, finished stowing away our small faves of Oil Employ'd repairing our stoven boat &c. &c. Distance from St. Mary's 15 Leagues