

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Chile, West

Thursday February 21st - very fresh Southerly winds and heavy weather throughout these 24 hours standing till 7 afternoon by the wind under double and close reefed topsails without the Mizzen topsail repaired it, and bent it again, saw nothing except some humpbacks, hals & but few fowls at 7 AM wore ship & headed off by the wind all the latter part a high sea on S. ends with very rugged W. and strong Southerly Gales

Friday February 22nd - Continues strong Gales at South and very rugged weather until noon to day when the wind began to flag & the sea to fall standing in for the land. Afternoon more moderate but out to single reefed topsails. The weather very heavy saw nothing but one finback at 7 AM light S Easterly wind back to ship! headed up South, carrying sail continually for to gain good ground

Saturday February 23rd - Commences brisk Southerly breezes and lead W. stood off S.W. till 8 AM, back to ship to 7 PM. Middle and latter part light winds from S. S.E. and thick hazy and sometimes foggy weather saw the carcass of a whale which had been killed 8 or 10 days and some sunfish of which we got one. shifted our fore sails to repair the old one. Repaired the M. T. M. staysail apart for repairing the fore sail & other sails as necessary. The water very green though for bottom found none, saw no land I judge myself 10 Leagues Dist. W.S.W. from St. Mary's

Sunday February 24th - Light Southerly winds and fair weather throughout this day cruising off and on as much favourable for getting South at noon for the first time for this fortnight the air became clear so that we saw the land from N.E. to S.E. the nearest part at 6 Leagues distance, and Mocha S.E. B.S. 13 saw nothing in the sea except a few sunfish and hals Employed as necessary finished repairing the fore sail and bent it to the yard again. S. Ends a very fair day without seeing any sign of whales hereabouts. The same ground where we have seen many whales since on this Coast

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Monday February 25th - Commences gentle Southerly gales and clear weather standing in to 7 PM with all sail set. Middle and latter part strong Gales at S.B.E. which brought us to double reefed topsails fore and after at 5 AM we were close in within 3 Leagues of the Main Land took to ship and lay off all the latter part Employed as necessary, opened the fore and Main holds shifted a quantity of fresh water from the Main to the Fore hold and got every thing prepared for taking whale with Despatches

Tuesday February 26th - Fresh winds at S.B.E. and lead W. but very rugged Middle part more moderate took in the spanked boom and lengthened the three feet for spreading the sail better caught one sunfish which I find to be very good fish. Latter part light wind at S.B.E. to S.W. and fair W. but saw nothing but a few sunfish and one school of bluffs at being near night did not catch one of them. S. Ends

Wednesday February 27th - Commences light N.Westerly winds and fair weather standing to the South. Middle part calm spoke ship Sprightly of London Capt. J. Bacon 5 1/2 months out no whale. having light Northerly winds, steered S.B.E. all the latter part against a strong northerly current Mocha not in sight leaving S.B.E. Dist. 13 Leagues saw five schools of B. fish, and many sunfish, caught one

Thursday February 28th - Commences brisk Northerly winds and cloudy weather Running S.B.E. until 3 PM when the wind increasing to a smart Gale, shifted our M. topsails and lower too under E.R. Main topsail and staysails the Sprightly in sight Middle part very strong Gales at North with a high breeze and heavy rains headed E.N.E. at noon took in the M. T. M. staysail, at 6 AM wore ship to 7 PM. Latter part more moderate the winds inclining Westerly

Friday March 1st - Light N.Westerly winds and a high rough sea on through this day cruising about without seeing any fish at all. the Sprightly in sight who got one small whale but the school ran off without any more being wounded. S. ends mended the Main topsail and put parts of fish gear to the mast head Dist. 15 from the land