

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Chile. P. West. 1855

Sunday 10th This day beginning with calm fair W. look't on to mid head at 8 & 9 had it on board. took a light breeze at 3 made sail and stood off to 2 W. and set the try works on. saw a school of Black-fish. Mocha E. S. E. 10 Leagues Dist. the Sprightly steering South. but sight of head bearing S. E. at 7. 3 N have the Gentle Gale at N

Monday 11th Breeze Northwesterly winds and rough whale weather. spoke Ship Charles of New Bedford. Capt. David Baxter. 180 Mts. had not seen any whale lately. Employed on board as Navy finished trying and stowed part of the oil in the lower hold and the rest between decks the whale making forty barrels of Oil. Latter part fresh winds at N. N. W. have too as usual at 10 & 12 Leagues Distance W. N. W. of Mocha saw plenty of B. fish, and humpbacks but no Spermacetes

Tuesday 12th Commences very fresh winds at N. N. W. & Rain. muggy weather laying too under courses at 10. 3 N when the wind was at its height and an ugly high crop. Sea on saw two Spermacetes headed right before the wind & away slow in motion, which tempted me to put off two boats for them in hopes of bringing one of them too by a short warp & lance but they went down, and the weather so very muggy that we saw no more of them. Mr. Coffins boat came near being filled with a sea but came off no worse than getting the boards stumped, broke, and beat down overboard which they soon got in again and returned on board. Latter part, seeing the boats Wind flagging & inclining Westerly. Mocha E. S. E.

Wednesday 13th Commences fresh Westerly winds and very light W. with a high crop. Sea on laying here too under Fresh Main-top-sail & three stay-sails. Middle part wind at S. S. W. too fresh to make any more sail. saw nothing. Latter part continues bad W. still laying too at the Distance of 17 or 20 Leagues from the Continent

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Thursday 14th Commences very strong Gale at S. W. and equally W. laying here too under Stay-sails without the least appearance of any better weather than we have had these 3 days past. at 3. 3 N sight down Mr. T. G. Ford made sail and stood N. E. B. E. towards St. Mary's Pt. 1. 3 N saw two Ships at 3 spoke them, the Charles & the Diana. of N. Bedford Capt. Baggot & Waterman. the latter just up from Peru with 1200 on board. the W. proving thick & dirty. laid off & on all the latter part under easy sail. the Diana in sight at times E. N. E. 3 or 4 Leagues Dist.

Friday 15th Breeze Westerly winds and thick dirty, rainy weather. till then 24 hours. Laying off and on at 4 or 5 Leagues to the W. of St. Mary's without seeing any Land. spoke Ship Sprightly of London. with 5 tuns, seen nothing of any whales lately. Latter part have too under short sail with light variable winds and a high ugly swell & dirty W.

Saturday 16th Commences light variable winds and thick dirty W. Middle part clear fair weather with moderate winds at 1 stood in forward the land at 1. 3 N saw several Spermacetes put off for them but could not fasten to one so took up the boats and at 7. 3 N have too as usual. St. Mary's South head bearing N. E. Dist. 6 or 7 Leagues

Sunday 17th Commences very fresh wind at South and ahead laying too under fore-top-sail & main-top-sail and stay-sails. at 6. 3 N made sail & run for St. Mary's where we arrived at 3. 3 N having very fresh wind until under the lee of 2 South-head. spoke Ship Hawthorne & Moford-haven Capt. W. Bunker. 80 tuns with 3000 on board. likewise Brig Polly & N. Haven at 5. 3 N saw too in St. Mary's South Bay on 2. 3 N. peculiar sandy bottom. St. Mary's south point S. W. S. watering place N. W. W. and the point of the Eastern Reef E. S. N. prepared for getting wood & watered with all speed. Latter part light wind at E. S. E. & fair. came in Ship Charles & Diana. N. Bedford for wood & water.