

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Chil. P. West 1805

Saturday 23rd - Light Southerly winds and clear W. but a very high Sea on from the SW steering NNE till 6 AM then steered NW till 4 PM the wind flagging away and the Sea running high here too for to night. Employed at repairing the stern boat, unhooked the stern Fore stay sail and stowed it away, till 8 AM past Valparaiso at 5 LE Distance but could not see any whales

Lat 32-18
72-40

Sunday 24th - Commenced calm breezy weather at 6 AM made sail light wind at North stood in saw the surf, plenty of Sun fish & porpoises and pinbacks, but no sperm whales Employed at repairing and boats at 7 PM here too again with light Northerly winds, but an ugly uneven Sea on

Lat 31-44
72-54

Monday 25th - Commenced light variable air & calm, at 6 AM made sail & steered N. Middle and Latter part broke Southerly winds & fair weather running along shore at between the Distances of 3 and 11 Leagues from Land at 7 PM here too head off to 3rd Wind Employed as usual at repairing the stern boat, hauled the cables on deck and measured the small Bower cable which was cut at St. Marys and found it to be Eighty three fathoms, now left on board so ends saw nothing but one pinback & help, not a sperm whale

Lat 31-16
72-07

Tuesday 26th - Light Southerly winds and fair weather all this day at 5 AM made sail stood in N E went off Fore and Mizzen Topy afloat. Masts & Yards & set the Sails Mounted all of our Cannon, prepared Ammunition, with Muskets, Pistols & for defence against our Enemies, if in case we should meet any, but this Middle & M. J. P. staysail & outer jib steered N. W. E from Noon till 6 PM here too Horradura point bearing N. E 4 Leagues head off West under studd sail with light wind at 3 and fair weather, finished repairing the stern boat & put her up over the Quarter deck

Lat 30-29
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Wednesday 27th - Light N. Easterly winds and fair weather evening off of Coquimbos at 4 to 5 Leagues Distance from the shore without seeing any living thing except a few sun fish and they appeared to be almost dead, not a whale of any kind to day Latter part stood in towards the Port of Coquimbos Employed at small jobs about the ship

Lat 31-01
71-32

Thursday 28th - Commenced gentle Southerly Winds and breezy weather and a strong current setting to the South stood in towards the Land at Noon Horns Point bore N. E 4 Leagues at lying calm loosed a boat and went into the bay of Coquimbos sent a letter to the Governor and returned at 6 PM to the ship which had a light breeze at South & steering for the entrance of the Port, having had a view of the Bay, I went down past the Point and hauled into the Bay with light variable winds and clear Starlight W. at 11 PM came to with the small bower on 9 1/2 fathoms soft bottom, the Point of Tortuga NW W 2 1/2 Distances, and the south shore (or the bottom of the Bay) South one mile No reef in Port

Lat 29-40
71-10

Anchored at Coquimbos

Friday 29th - Commenced light variable winds and fair weather stood at anchor and stood farther into the SW part of the bay out of the swell of the Sea, and moved with the small bower of 9 fathoms water Tortugas Point N. W. 2 1/4 Immediately careened ship and began to get a coat of pitch on the Boards, went on shore with one boat well armed and found Reasons to suspect some mischief, Recd. a letter wrote in Spanish from the Governor which denied me of any Refreshment as the Ports of Callao & Valparaiso were the only places for me to go to, and at the same time was in a dying condition for my Surgeon, when I told the officers (who brought the letter) that I performed that office myself he seemed highly pleased (as he pretended) to find a Surgeon & a Captain in one and the same person, and had a complete Horse immediately formed to mouth and go post back to the Governor, but with much ceremony and a little authority I jumped into my boat and came on board (much to their astonishment) inquired, took out anchors and stood out of the Bay at noon with a light breeze at NW and every sail set on a wind with one side of the bower partly furled and the small bower full of men and a basket of grapes from the place, at 2 PM stood in at 3 PM steered NW W past the

Lat 29-40
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Reeled gun Coquimbos