

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. P. West. 1865

Saturday March 30th Commences very fresh winds at South and fair weather steering S.W. Middle part North. Dismounted four Guns and stowed them in the storage ready for mounting at 10 morning. secured the other four on deck ready for use. Latter part continues fresh winds at South and smoky weather steering N.N.E. and N.N.W. without seeing anything living in the Sea

Sunday March 31st Light Southerly winds and heavy weather steering North till 6 A.M. then S.E. B.N. till 6 P.M. then S. again Running down the Coast, at. between 4 & 10 Leagues East from the Land, without seeing any thing except a few Bonitors, flying fish & two or three Seals. No whales

Monday April 1st Gentle S.W. winds and fair but heavy weather running down the Coast N.E. by day and North at night without seeing anything of any sort of whale the winds being light and weather fair, sent down the South weather Mr. T.H. Mack and fitted it for carrying a spiced Royal mast made a pair of croqueters for J.R. mast

Tuesday April 2nd Light winds at South to S.W. steering to S.N. off, and on, the Land in sight from 6 to 10 Leagues East Employed at making a Royal mast and fitting up croqueters for it at 3 P.M. saw a School of B. fish and Spermacties together, gave chase with all three boats struck one and killed another that parted my line and they all ran off except the one that was killed with a lance which we took to the Ship & at 6 had her cut in, so have too and lay all the

Latter part with light winds at South, the Land

Wednesday April 3rd Light winds at S.W. and fair weather all this day, at 5 A.M. began to try at 5 made sail at 6 10 Leagues from Land saw a large body of Whales sent off all three boats, but they being very wild got but 3 of them got them all along sides at 8 P.M. and cut in Lat 23-04 one of them before night and have too of the other two and cut the

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Thursday April 4th Commences Light winds at S.W. and heavy weather Employed at trying at 5 A.M. slack the lines at 6 light on to mid-shales and at 9 had them both on board, and began to try again made all sail and stood off by the shore, at 8 P.M. saw a large School of Spermacties put out our fires again and pursued them with all three boats killed several but night coming on got but found to the Ship at 7 and secured them, and began to try again lying low too with gentle breezes at S.W. and clear W. Distance from the Land, about 7 Leagues

Friday April 5th Light winds at S.W. and fair throughout this day Employed at trying until noon slack the fire, cleared the blubber of the fresh whales from between decks and at 5 P.M. took on to yesterday's whales, and at 10 past 6 had the fire all on board, at 7 got the try-works on again, stood off all the latter part under short sail, saw nothing to day except Land Lat 22-39 at 5 Leagues Distance

Saturday April 6th Light winds at South and calm throughout this day headed S. to the Wind by the wind. Employed at trying and our whales saw nothing but one humpback & a few Bonitors & Distance, of 6 to 10 Leagues from the Land

Sunday April 7th Commences light winds at S.W. and heavy weather Employed at trying at 6 A.M. finished trying and began to stow down Middle and Latter part Gentle breezes at S.W. & fair headed off by the wind, fitted another one oil below S. ends, saw no whales at 10 to 18th East from the Land, but plenty of Albacores, Bonitors, &c

Monday April 8th Light Southerly winds and heavy W. standing in by the wind at noon saw a strange Sail at 5 P.M. spoke her found had the Windows of N. Bedford Capt. (saw no whales having lately seen many whales in Lat 23 & from 10 to 20 from the Land) at 8 P.M. finished stowing down and whales which has filled 135 Bbls with Oil, cleaned and cleaned out between decks and arranged the Deck all in order for another as good a favor of whale as the latter, but saw none to day Distance from the Land 20 to 10 Leagues