

Ship Cyrus, whaling on the Coast of Peru. West. 1845

Tuesday 9th Commences light variable winds between S & S.W. cruising off and on trying to get a little more Southing. Saw four Sail of Ships. The Winslow & the Charles of N Bedford, and the Harlequin, and Neutrality of Nantucket. three of the four off work about whale at 5 P.M. spoke the Neutrality but no whale seen to the N^o of 22.35 saw four carcasses and two pinbacks to day. Employed at getting in good order fore & aft went up Main St. to meet & feed Royal Mast upon S. & Royal Yard Dist from Land 12.

Wednesday 10th Moderate Southerly winds and flights of Rain & fog coming off and on by the winds. Solitary Island bearing S.E. 10 Leagues Distance spoke Ship Britannia Capt. Thayer 8 months out. no whale, no Political news and had been seen a sperm whale the voyage. So ends, saw no whale to day Employed as necessary on board Repair of Mizen &c.

Thursday 11th Breeze trades at S.W. & fair weather, flying towards with all sail set on a wind. saw many killers and humpbacks, but no sperm whales. Solitary Island from S.E. 6 Leagues to East 16 Leagues the color of the water changed from Blue to Green with a weather current.

Friday 12th Gentle Gale at S.W. & heavy weather saw no sign of a whale. steered off W.N.W. saw three Sail of Ships all cruising about without any whale to work on. at 3 P.M. Judge myself to be 45 Leagues from Land and not seeing any whale and several Ships, concluded to try a little farther to N^o so steered N.E. at 7 have two Ships Charles of N Bedford Neutrality of Nantucket & another in sight all by the wind. so ends Employed as necessary.

Saturday 13th At 6 A.M. made sail and steered N.E. all day with gentle Gale at S.W. & heavy weather saw one sail supposed to be the Neutrality. Shifted her to S.W. and saw a school of B fish, but not land or anything else. Employed as highly necessary shifted the Calber & hammers a ft overhauled the Mast boat and wanted to again &c. &c.

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Sunday 14th Gentle Gale at S.W. & heavy weather throughout this day at 5 A.M. made sail. saw several sperm whales going towards gave chase with all three boats struck and got but one took her along side and got her cut in at 10 A.M. made sail and stood in E.N.E. at 3 P.M. being at 6 leagues Distance from the Land tackt off to the W. by the wind which was light at S.W. at 5 spoke Ship Harlequin of Nantucket with 50 Bbls sperm oil. So ends Employed at trying under short sail.

Monday 15th Gentle Southerly Gale and fair weather at 1 A.M. finished trying made sail by the wind to go W. at 10 tackt in shore at 2 P.M. saw two sail (in shore) amongst whale at 4 saw the whales being Employed at stowing down. looked and down boats chased the whales till sunset in (with Capt. Bacter of the Charles of N.B. but could not get near them so took up the boats and laid headed W.W. all the latter part finished stowing down one last whale of 26 Bbls Oil.

Tuesday 16th Commences light winds at S.W. & heavy W. stood in by the wind Middle & latter part light land breezes and very heavy weather. haffling about in one spot and not able to shift our ground spoke 10 Leagues Dist from the Land. saw no fish but blackfish saw the Harlequin take in five whales to day that they killed hereabouts yesterday, but not a sign of one to day. No Oil. So ends shifted & put on our old S. & M. Topsails and painted the Stern boat, set up shocks &c. &c.

Wednesday 17th light winds varying all round the compass and calm haffling round & round much in one & the same place at 8 leagues from the Land saw three ships two of the (the Harlequin & another) trying whale but not a live whale to be seen; by either of us four ships at 5 P.M. took a gentle breeze at S.W. steered East till 6 saw nothing more ship took in the short sail & headed off by the wind all the latter part Employed as necessary.