

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, South West 1815

Sunday 28th Light S.W. winds and low weather all day
April - Running down the Coast steering N.W. by night & N.W. by day saw nothing (or rather) hills, which I considered to be
more than nothing, painted the starboard waist with yellow
and both as requisite made and put on a pair of lead to the
filled up the lead &c. to appear more warlike, & find 3rd

Monday 29th Light winds varying about between E.N.E. & South
April - steering N.W. & along shore, at the distance of 7 to
12 Leagues from the Land, saw two dead whales they had
been killed 10 or 15 days and entirely spoiled
Employed as necessary painted the starboard side of the ship
began to work our casks of oil in the hold &c. &c.

Tuesday 30th Gentle breeze at S.E. and clear weather. Running
April - down the Coast, West & N.W. with all sail set as usual
at the distance of 8 to 15 Leagues from the Land
saw nothing except two humpbacks and some Bill-fish
Employed as necessary broke up the Main hold and stowed
the fresh water away to more advantage & in good order
took up 2 Midship-vailes & standards for convenience

Wednesday 1st Gentle S.E. trades and fair weather running down
May - West, until 2 A.M. saw a very large body of sperm
whales put off after them with all three boats the
whales bringing too a short time, we gave them battle
& at Noon we had eleven whales dead. They being very
much spread apart did not get them all along side
until midnight, & secured them well with flukes ropes
and lay too under the Topail, at 15th from the Land

Thursday 2nd Light winds at E.S.E. & fair all day, at 7 A.M.
May - took down to our whales & at 6 P.M. had nine on board
secured their heads & the other two whales for daylight
alongside and set the tryworks on S. Ende well
employed at boiling our sperm Oil
laying still here too at 13 Leagues from Land

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Friday 3rd Light S.E. trades & fair weather all day at 6 A.M.
May - slackened the tryworks, hooped on to our whales & at 9
had them all together with their heads, on board being the
greatest pair of whales that the Cyrus ever had on board of
head at one time. - we set the works a going again and
cleared the heads away and put them in Casks, more ship
headed off by the wind under easy sail all the latter
part, at 10 Leagues from Land, saw nothing to day

Saturday 4th Breeze trades at E.S.E. and fair weather with
May - a high crop Sea on, occasioned by a strong windward
current, lying off & on under easy sail at between 10 &
20 Leagues from the Land, Employed at boiling Oil
saw many humpbacks, but nothing else.

Sunday 5th Commences light trades & fair W. Employed
May - at trying out Oil. Middle part finished trying and
got the hull head for starting Oil down. The latter part
did not start much down. Latter part broke trades
and clear spoke ship (Charles Capt. Basted 240
Ship Lee, Capt. Gardner in sight 100 several other
Vessels hereabouts having done very well lately
So ends cruising at from 10 to 25 Leagues from Land

Monday 6th Breeze S.E. winds and a short Sea on & S.E. current
May - cruising off & on under all sail by the wind Employed
at trying down and Oil spoke ship Lee Capt. Gardner
who was bound to the N. to California, brought one Bill-fish
Two for Ship use Latter part got all of our Oil down
and head for another whale, but saw none at 10 or 12
Distance from Land, saw one sail towardward

Tuesday 7th Commences gentle S.E. trades and low weather, stood
May - in near the Land saw a Breeze close in shore, spoke
head, the Polly of Newhaven Capt. Trenchard, 13000
no news, so stood off S.W. close by the wind all the
Middle & latter part, saw nothing except one humpback
and a few small fish. Employed at firing every part
of our whale, giving lengthened all three lines which took the
head & the rest of the whale