

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. P. West. Master 1805

Wednesday May 8th Brisk trades between S E & E S E cruising off and on all these 24 hours with all sail set at 10 to 25 Leagues from the Land without seeing anything except two humpbacks, and one Sail supposed to be the Charles + New Bedford. Employed as necessary.

Thursday May 9th Gentle trades at E S E and fair weather stood off as far as 38 or 40 Leagues from the Land but having observed the water from a muddy colour to a deep blue, and took sight of the shore and everything else took to Ship and stood in N E by the wind. Unbent & repaired the old Main Trawl &c. &c.

Friday May 10th Gentle trades at E S E and fair weather throughout this day saw and spoke Ship Schooner of New Bedford with 900 on board. No News Political, stood in by the wind all day saw nothing but 3 Sail under the Lee, no whale of any description, set up shoals &c.

Saturday May 11th Brisk winds at E S E & fair weather all this day cruising off & on without seeing a sign of any whale the Schooner Ann in sight. Saw 2 Spikes, Ship Charles N. Bedford Capt. Baxter, he had not seen any whale lately nor any strange vessels, at noon the Land at three Leagues Distance, saw the breakers on shore took to Ship and stood off all 7th Latter part

Sunday May 12th Brisk winds at E S E and fair weather cruising off & on at between 15 and 25 Leagues from the Land spoke Ship, Luky, Charles, and Schooner, Americans nothing new, no whale seen lately on the Coast nor any probability for refreshments amongst these Vessels

Monday May 13th Strong single reef Trawl breeze and rugged whale weather cruising off & on by the wind which hangs at S E & E the three American ships in Co. Repaired some light Sails &c. as necessary, saw nothing to encourage me to keep this ground any longer so left at 2 P.M. under short sail headed off

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Tuesday May 14th Strong trade winds at S E and equally weather steering off West and in N N W in Co with Ship Luky of Nantucket spreading the shames good much ground without seeing anything but 3 or 4 humpbacks, no other sail in sight at 7 P.M. have too

Wednesday May 15th Strong Gale at S E & equally weather for Peru all of the day, sailing down the Coast off W S W and in North, under Trawl and Main Trawl. Ship Luky in sight saw nothing but three or four humpbacks and a few seals at 10 to 30 Leagues from the Land. Employed as necessary at small jobs till 4 P.M. have too

Thursday May 16th Strong double reef Trawl breeze at S E and rugged whale weather steering off West and in North, coming down the Coast from 6 to 25 Leagues Distance from the Land without seeing anything alive in the sea except two humpbacks saw a few seals & Ship Luky. Repaired the Fore sail & bent it again, at 7 P.M. have too as usual at night

Friday May 17th Strong trades at S E and very rugged whale weather all the first and middle part of this day steering off West and in N N E under single reef Trawl before 7 P.M. the Luky in sight saw nothing to day but a few seals at 8 P.M. the Land in sight at six Leagues Distance have too headed S W under courses with minds more moderate

Saturday May 18th Brisk trades at S E and tolerable good whale weather at 6 A.M. made sail (the Luky not in sight) stood off West at 10 took sight of the Land (Wilkey) at being at about 15 Leagues Distance. Steered West all of this day with all sail set and a quick breeze at S E saw nothing but humpbacks and a few seals my spermaceti was taken 6 P.M. but from Land 22

Sunday May 19th Strong S E trades and rugged whale weather all the first part of this day. Latter part Gentle trades & heavy weather steering off West from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. with Trawl set fore & aft without seeing anything throughout the day, except the water very blue at 6 P.M. have too Judging myself to be 65 Leagues Distance from the Land so the Trawl of Latitude