

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of New Paul West, 1805

Thursday June 6th Bristle winds at S E and fair but low weather all of this day, cruising off & on at between 4 and 16 Leagues, S W from the Island of Lobs de Mer on dark coloured water. Saw nothing but two finbacks & a few seals. At 3 P M made Lobs bearing N N E 5 or 6 Leagues. Employed at finished boiling out and whale and prepared to start her below

Friday June 7th Bristle S E trades and very Rugged whale weather all of this day standing off by the wind under single Reef Tack till 7 P M then at 30 Leagues Dist S W from Lobs, tackt Ship and stood in by the wind under double Reef till 3 P M. Employed at stowing down the Oil of and last whale that has filled Sixty Barrels. At Noon got all down and clear for another but not so fortunate as to see any to day

Saturday June 8th fresh S E trades and rugged whale weather all of this day stood in by the wind under single Reef's until 7 P M. Nothing for the day then at 8 Leagues S W from Lobs, tackt Ship and headed off to the W. all the latter part. Employed as necessary unbent & stoppered the jills & Mr. D. attended the M T Sail to hold a little longer, set up Cook &c.

Sunday June 9th Very fresh winds at S E and rugged whale weather. Cruising off & on to the Southward & W. of Lobs de Mer between the Dist of from 7 to 20 Leagues. The Main land at 10 A M saw the Main Continent at 8 Leagues E N E sounder found 43 fathoms water. tackt Ship stowing S W till 7 P M then hove too under courses, wind fresh & W. drily saw nothing to day but humpbacks & porpoises

Monday June 10th fresh S E winds and thick weather all the fore part stood in by the wind (At Noon) clear saw the Continent at 10 Leagues sounder found 56 fathoms water, over ship steered N W. At 2 P M saw Lobs de Mer bearing N W W 7 Leagues. At 6 saw two sail between Lobs & the Main, at a nearer view of them they appeared like Patamaron, a fishing. At 6 brought too under short sail. headed off S W the Middle part of Lobs bearing N N E 5 or 6 Leagues.

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Tuesday June 11th Commences Bristle S E trades & Low weather lying on off to the W. of the Island Lobs de Mer at 5 A M untied the N W point and ply'd her windward up into the Bay formed by these two Islands. at 7 came too with small boats anchored & hauled on 16 fathoms water, hove to them, the N W point bearing N N W and the N E Point N N E, being in a suitable place, turned to leeward the Ship and hove off and payed the Breeze, made sail after the other under the Counter, the Rudder, fore chains &c as necessary at 10 A M whilst we were employed, a ship came down by the Island, hauled in toward the bay as if to look into it, having her Main Topmast & Topgallant, steering sails set, and May sails below & aloft, all of her jills and fore & aft sails, before the wind likewise Royal yards athwart fore & aft, and every other appearance of a warlike Ship, but as we lay well up into the bay & were in range of of a very Rugged high cliff of Rocks, I suppose we were not discovered by them as I kept all of the yards pointed directly at them whilst they were in sight, with a buoy on the hauled, and all prepared to ship & take care of myself, if they should start a shelling shell, so appeared to take the least notice of them. The stranger came as near that I could see his stern, but could not discover any boats. At 11 he had the bay all open to his view and altered his course from about N N W to about N N E. At 12 we lost sight of him. At 6 P M finished and jll and at 7 had our Anchor to the low Run out of the bay and steered off N W all the latter part under easy sail

Wednesday June 12th Gentle breezes at S E and low weather, steered N N E all day, saw plenty of Blackfish and several humpbacks, but no Phocaenae, caught a turtle. Employed as necessary. At 7 P M hove too, Lobs bearing East 100 Miles Dist

Thursday June 13th Commences bristle S E trades and low weather, at 5 A M made sail as usual after lying too steer'd N E N all day without seeing anything except 4 or 5 humpbacks. Employed as necessary stoppered and sweeten'd the jills to have the best sail in use, the tugs growing long, and have had any information of National Affairs and having had will come first, I think proper to get ready to meet it by mounting every gun and making every preparation for defence