

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

Friday June - 14th Commenced gentle breezes at 8 P.M. and foggy weather at 8 P.M. made sail as usual steered N.E. by E. at 8 P.M. weather at 9 made the Land in Lat 5-50 Lon 80-30 Dist 600 for bottom found none with the line more ship, steered N.W. at noon as foggy thick dispersed in the S.W. we saw a large ship steaming about North the winds being light she had very light sails set that a ship commonly carries in consequence of which I steered West with all cruising sails set, but she continued her course and at 2 P.M. lost sight of her. At 7 P.M. have too, at 22 Leagues Dist from Land after a very fair day, but nothing seen but one finback.

Saturday June - 15th Light winds at 8 P.M. and foggy weather, at 8 A.M. made sail, at 6 saw several Sail of Vessels, bore down toward them and after Manoeuvring & being surrounded of them, they sent a boat to me, which, after making every preparation for protection, the ship permitted the boat to approach, and finally found her to belong to Ship Stealing of Nantucket, that was one of the late ships and in company with the ships, Tamer, John Jay, Lena, Belvidere, and Maria, all of Nantucket, the same Capt. West having lately been into Paita and gives the account of War being positively declared between Great Britain & Spain, & of several Captures made by the Spaniards on English ships as for instance taken at Concepcion, one Brigg at Tumbay and most of the crew massacred, Capt. Richards & boat crew taken at Callao and two days ago spoke an 36 gun Spanish Frigate from Lima for Panama, who boarded and treated the American ships to after getting what little presents to the crew, they came aboard, and some sent to Repair our Bulwark & make sail and stood off by the wind which continues light at 8 P.M.

Sunday June - 16th Gentle Gales at 8 P.M. and fair weather, saw and spoke Ship, Lady, Maria, & Samuel, of Nantucket, no further news than Spanish War. Latter part saw & chased a sperm whale, ship steaming but struck and lost her. stood in all the latter part in E with 7/8 Samuel.

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Monday June - 17th Light S.E. winds and huffing weather all of this day, standing in E by the wind in company with the Samuel of Nantucket. Saw several schools of B. fish and many finbacks but no spermatics. Employed at rebuilding the bulwark all round the ship with Deal boards from my friends.

Tuesday June - 18th Commenced very light S.E. winds and foggy weather, steaming in to the N.E. by the wind, Middle and Latter part gentle breezes and fair saw nothing but humpbacks and B. fish Employed as necessary, at Repairing the bulwark &c in company with Ship, Samuel, at 6 P.M. Dist from Land 20 Leagues.

Wednesday June - 19th Light winds at 8 P.M. and S.E. all of this day steaming in by the wind to the E with all sail set in E with the Samuel, saw plenty of humpbacks and finbacks but no spermatics at 2 A.M. saw Paita Bluff bearing N 55 E 12 Distance the winds continuing at South & S.E. continued standing in toward Sechuera bay all the latter part, Employed at Repairing the Bulwark fore and aft &c as necessary.

Thursday June - 20th Commenced light S.E. winds and fair weather, laying on and off of Sechuera bay at 6 A.M. made Point, Paita, Alvarado, so steered in E by the wind which freshened at South as we neared the Land, at 8 P.M. at night came too with the Leadboard lower cable, on 8 fathoms water soft bottom and Moored with the Rody & hauled in Sechuera by the S.W. point of the bay bearing West Distance 3 miles and the nearest Shore South two miles, the Samuel in E.

Friday June - 21st Commenced steady S.E. trade wind and fair weather at 6 A.M. dispatched off one Boat and crew to land and cut wood, the ship laying too far out to be handy to our business took our anchor and ply'd up together into the Bay and came too on 4 1/2 fathoms water sandy bottom, the S.W. point bearing W 3/4 N, the nearest land on the south side of the bay at about 1 1/2 mile distance, and Sechuera church N E Distance about 7 Leagues, at 6 P.M. had aboard a load of wood having not seen any Inhabitants on Shore nor could I find any more than before.