

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

1390
Saturday June 22 - Gentle S.E. winds and fair weather till 10 A.M.
then calm, at 11 gentle breezes at N.W. & W.N.W. till 2 P.M.
then calm again. At 4 P.M. took the regular S.E. breeze
which continued all the latter part. Employed throughout
the day at wooding, took in four good boat loads
at 1 P.M. saw two sail along shore and suspecting their design
to be not good, we unmoored both our Anchors and stood out
of the Bay, but on their approaching nearer I saw they were
Spanish Indians on a Calamarran, a fishing, so stood into the
Bay and came to again on E. water the S.W. point of the
Bay leaving $W\frac{1}{2}N$ distance 3 or 4 miles so ends. saw an Indian
passing along on the shore

Sunday 23rd - With S.E. trade and fair weather all of this day
June at 8 A.M. went on shore and got some land for coopersing
at 11 got under way and steered for Sechura N.E. and
S.E. by N, S.W. by E, carrying about the depth of 5
at 3 P.M. came too on E. water had bottom the S.W. point
of the bay bearing S.W. by S, 7 or 8 Leagues the N.W. Pt.
N. by W. 10 or 12 Leagues the Capital (Church of Sechura) E. by N
and the entrance of the River E. by N. 10 or 12 miles Dist
Anchored a boat, went on shore, and saw about a dozen Men
down at the shore, but finding the River shallow and
Spaniards jealous and much broken at the entrance &c.
thought it best to take care of myself, came on board
and took the anchor immediately and stood off by N. wind
till 11 P.M. then took it in toward the bay passing towardward

Monday
June 26 - Commences birds travels at 12 and clear. W. flying up into the Bay. at 2 A.M. came too near the Samuel. as I as before and lay till 9 and finding it impossible to get any refreshments without too great a risk of boat & crew. gave up the idea of getting any here. took our anchor and steered out of the Bay N.W. at noon (Calcutta) at 8 PM took the Sea breeze and stood off W.N.W. sent aloft all of the 100 lb. Booms here & at the approach of Vice Riggering and weather fore & aft. at 5 PM spoke American ship. Charysquin & Windes 260 tons and 1000 tons.

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1805

Tuesday
 June - 25th - Breeze at 10 and dark heavy weather all day
 standing off and on at about 6 to 15 leagues from land
 spoke Ship Walker New Bedford 1908 who has been taken by the
 Spanish privateer the 11th of this Mo. overhauled & liberated
 No specimens seen lately about this part of the Coast.
 Employed as Vespers, beats all Royals and Starring sails
 and prepared for defence against all Enemies. It has two

Wednesday
June 26th - Gentle S & trades and fair all of this day coming on
off of Port. Head without seeing any sperm whales, some
humpbacks and Blackfish. Two Seal Steamer & the Walker & the
Minerva, and one strange sail toward at noon took it off
to S.W. the Land in sight at 8 Lg. Dist. P.M. &
At 7 P.M. took in sail to converse, Employ. as necessary
Lat 5-20 81-40 made two false Cannon, finished one Bulworth &c. &c.

Thursday 27th Gentle S & E trade winds and fair weather all day
June at 5 A.M. made sail as usual saw and spoke five American
whale ships the Lima & the John Jay 24 hours from Port
and as I am in distress for the want of Vegetables each Ship
furnished me with as many Potatoes as they could spare
Lat 5.40 No late news at Port other than five Sail of British Ships
Land 50 being detain'd in the Port on the Coast of Peru & Chili, and
of two Vessels of War a coming against our Whalers -
In consequence of which I am making all preparation for defence
Lat 5.40 82-34 No sight or sound of any Whales about this Coast lately

Friday 28th Gentle S. E. trade and flights of birds all day
June laying off and on in company with five American ships
without seeing any sperm whales for the day
Lat 5.44 saw two strange wh. did not speak them, (empty) as necessary

29th Gentle trades between S. E. & South and fair W^z
but no whals except pinbacks to be seen for the day
Saw Peter Head R. E. & Spumacut Head S. E. & one sail
which at first appearance I took for a brig, but on her approach
found it the Ship Mass of W^z antucket. Spoke her found no
news, no whals about this part of the Coast, made Course &c.