

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West. 1805

Sunday June - 30th Gentle breeze from ESE to SSE and fair weather coming off and on to the West of Sechuva Bay, 10 or 15th saw the Mass and several schools of Black fish and finbacks saw Picta Head NNE and Spermaceti - Head EBS
Lat 5.36
Long 82.10
Employed at mounting our New Guns &c as necessary

Monday July - 1st Gentle SE winds and fair weather. Stead in toward Sechuva Bay found the Ship Samuell. Nantucket, laying at Sechuva River or Creek spoke and boarded her under French Colors, found all well on board of her. Found off with the Ship till afternoon and then stood off. All the latter part with a brisk breeze at SSE & clear Wth
Lat 5.32
Long 81.14
Mth Sechuva
Employed at mounting New constructed Cannon &c as necessary

Tuesday July - 2nd Commenced gentle trades and heavy Wth laying on and off of Sechuva Bay spoke the American Ship Fame & Bleeding. saw now any whales seen about this part of the Coast. Middle part calm and light N Westerly air. Latter part steered into the Bay in company with the two Ships above mentioned and at 8 stood off again with brisk trade winds at SSE & clear Wth
Lat 5.42
Long 81.10
Employed at painting the inside of our New Bulwark &c &c.

Wednesday July - 3rd Commenced gentle SE trades and fair, laying off & on in Sechuva Bay, at 8 AM steered in toward the Ships laying at Anchor off the River spoke them, the Fame, Bleeding & Samuell of Nantucket and Mass up about the working place, found the Mass amongst them, so hauled off, made sail and steered out by the wind fresh at SSE, at 3 PM took in to single reefs topsails, and continued standing off.
Lat 5.47
Long 81.11
Employed as necessary, painted our inside quarters &c &c.

Thursday July - 4th Gentle SE easterly winds and foggy weather till Noon, then clear and fair saw Black fish & got one. Latter part fair saw nothing but Seals, B-fish, and Porpoises. No Spermaceti about this part of the Coast Distance from Land 12 to 20 Leagues
Lat 6.00
Long 82.24
Employed as necessary about Ships Duty

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Friday July - 5th Gentle Gale at SE and good whale weather coming off of Spermaceti Head at 10 to 15 Leagues Distance without seeing any more than Black fish, of which we got one and Seals, and a few finback whales. Employed as necessary
Lat 5.18
Long 82.30

Saturday July - 6th Brisk Easterly trades and misty weather most of the day, coming off & on at between 20 & 25 Leagues Distance from the Land without seeing any sperm whale, plenty of B-fish & seals. Spoke Ship Samuell, and Walker Americans. The Mass now has any Spermaceti been seen lately, on this Coast the Samuell just 24 hours from Sechuva, furnished us with some few Necessaries, which I stand much in need of. The Land is Employed on board as necessary on Ships Duty &c.

Sunday July - 7th Fair part, brisk wind at ESE and thick foggy weather stood off WSW at noon clear, no sail in sight steered West till 6 PM then WSW under easy sail all the latter part saw four sail at 6 PM under the Lee & at 5 lost sight of them. So Ende nothing but B-fish to be seen hereabout. at 6 PM Distance from Land 20 Leagues
Lat 5.50
Long 83.07

Monday July - 8th Gentle SE trades and very fair weather steering off WSW with all sail set throughout this day, without seeing anything but humpbacks on very blue water not a seal, B-fish, or anything else to be seen
Lat 5.53
Long 84.27
Employed as necessary broke up Provision put it in order & stored it below again &c. Dist from Land at 6 PM 30

Tuesday July - 9th Brisk winds at ESE and clear pleasant Wth steering off to the West with all sail set and hopes of raising Spermaceti every minute but without the good fortune of even seeing anything but finbacks on this ground, no Seals, B-fish or any other sign of whales
Lat 5.55
Long 86.20
Employed as usual on Ships duty Carpenter at caulking round the Stanchions, Timber Head, Quirk-work &c as is necessary. Mounted our Cannon having a full tier.
at 6 PM I judge myself to be 25 Leagues from Land