

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Part West. 1805

Wednesday July 10th Breeze trade winds at S E B E and fair weather throughout this day steering off NW W with all sail set. But nothing to be seen, as if the Sea had become barren. Employed on board as necessary, the Carpenter finished caulking Round of Stanchions, Timberheads, &c. most of our old sails requiring considerable repair, and having any old Canvas to repair them with, took up the old Main Topsail, condemned it as unfit for use and took it to pieces, unhooked and repaired the Mainsail.

Lat 5-18 85-27 at 7 P.M. have too as usual of Nights, the Land 150th.

Thursday July 11th Gentle trade at S E B E and heavy weather. Steamed off West till noon when finding the Wind to have had a strong Northern Current for the last 24 hours and my Distance from the Main Continent to be about one Hundred and Seventy Leagues, and not the least sign of any Whales herabouts, were Ship and set forth by the wind and continued standing in N E B E all the latter part, with Gentle trade at S E B E. Employed as necessary repairing old sails &c.

Friday July 12th Breeze Tonnant, breezes at from S E to S E and flights of birds throughout these 24 hours standing in to the E. by the wind with all sail set without seeing any thing living in the Sea, or movable on the water. Employed as necessary at repairing old sails &c. &c. no whales nor any prospect to be seen here.

Saturday July 13th Gentle Gale at S E to S E and some light squalls of mist steering in to the E. by the wind with all sail set, and not anything to be seen on the Sea, as if all of the whales had forsaken this Coast. Employed as necessary at small jobs about the rigging, painted part of our inside waist &c. at 6 P.M. I judge myself to be 65 Leagues from Cape Blanco on very clear water and no whales.

Lat 3-30 84-40

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Sunday July 14th Commenced with Tonnant breezes at S E B E and fair weather steering in to the E. by the wind with all sail set. Middle part the winds increased to a smart single Tonnant breeze and weather almost too rugged for whaling, but not so fortunate as to prove it. Seeing nothing throughout this day except a few humpbacks and finbacks playing about the Eastern edge of the Green water which we crossed at 11 A.M. continued standing in till 9 A.M. took to the S W all the latter part, at 6 P.M. (Blanco 160 E 100 S).

Lat 3-22 84-57

Monday July 15th Breeze winds varying between S E & S E B E flying towards on that tack to the most advantage at the Distance of from 15 to 25 Leagues from the Land, the winds and weather proving more moderate than yesterday, with fresh force & light and set light sail occasionally, but nothing seen to day upon the Sea which proves tiresome, and requires more than the art of Man to find Spermocetes herabouts at present.

Lat 4-07 84-54

Tuesday July 16th Gentle trade winds between S E and South and fair weather. Cruising off and on continually, to the best advantage to get the without seeing anything except two or three finbacks during this day, carrying all sail day & night to shift and govern.

Lat 4-33 83-11

Wednesday July 17th Gentle trade between S E B E & S E standing in to the E. by the wind, unhooked and began to repair the Tonnant at 11 A.M. saw a School of Spermocetes part off all three boats, but found it impossible to touch more than one, which we killed and at 2 P.M. had her all on board made sail & stood in, and began to boil our blubber fat. P.M. put out the fire, but an enemy should take the advantage of us by night. Distance from Blanco 25.

Lat 4-41 82-20

Thursday July 18th Gentle breezes varying between South and S E and fair weather steering by the wind on the Southernmost Tack. Part Head Land in sight bearing E 1/2 E B N. To see a great many finbacks & some seals, at 4 A.M. put killed and fired and at 10 had our small whale boiled out. Latter part stood it down in the Main hatchway which was completed it full of Good Spermocete Oil (the whale of 10) and here we expected to see all of our fat in the same condition.

Lat 5-09 81-12