

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

Friday July 19th Gentle Gale from South to S E laying off & on, the wind favours more to get South with all sail set by the wind the weather being thick, saw nothing but a few humpbacks & seals, no Land in sight although not far off.

Employed at making Tows. T. G. Royal Mast. Cap. & (Tows)

Saturday July 20th Light winds between South & S E cruising off & on, on the most advantageous tack to get windward, without seeing anything throughout the day but a few Humpbacks & seals. Employed as necessary sent down Tows & Miz. T. G. Mast & fitted them with Royal Masts, Caps & (Tows) and sent them up again with Royal Masts and Yards, fore & aft.

No Land to be seen at the Distance of 25 or 30 Leagues

Sunday July 21st Gentle breezes between S E & S all the first part. Middle part Calm Latter part light wind at S E stood off & on by the wind with all sail set to get South saw nothing but one humpback & 5 or 6 Grampuses. the water as it has been for several days past, of a dark-greenish colour, but no Land to be seen, nor anything else worth notice not the least sign of a Spermacety whale at 6 P M judge myself 18 Leagues W N from Lee-Lobos

Monday July 22nd Commences Gentle trades and foggy weather, flying towards land occasionally as the wind favours most. Latter part, saw Lee Lobos or Lobos de Terra bearing East 5 or 6 Leagues Distance stood off all the

Latter part, saw no fish except finbacks & albacores

Tuesday July 23rd fresh winds continuing at S E with flights of Mites and sometimes Fog, flying towards land to the best advantage, with M. T. G. sail over which regularly Employed as necessary made a Miz. T. G. sail of our Sprung, &c. &c. as necessary.

at 6 P M saw Lobos de Terra N E 1/2 E 5

No whales to be seen about here, as if they have retired to the part of the World furthest the East

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Wednesday July 24th Bristle winds with flights of Mites and thickish M. winds continuing at S E and S E throughout this day. Latter part clear weather saw plenty of B. fish & humpbacks but no spermacetia, stood in made Lobos de Terra bearing N N E 6 Leagues and Lobos de Mer S E 7 Leagues as the B. fish and seals, has now more got here on the ground I can but have some new hopes of Spermacetia following soon

Thursday July 25th Bristle winds at S E all the first part. Latter part strong trades and rough whale weather, took in sail to single reefed. Topsails fore & aft. stood off S E by the wind till 6 P M (without seeing anything during the day) when at 800 miles Distance from Lobos de Mer & not any prospect of whales, tack to Ship, stood in East by the wind which continues fresh at S E

Friday July 26th Bristle winds at S E and S E S standing in by the wind all of this day, without seeing anything alive except a few Humpbacks & finbacks. At 5 P M saw Lobos de Mer N 1/2 W 7 Leagues Humpbacks being plenty about the Ship, try to get within 110 miles, by the bearing and Distance of Lobos I find myself to be within three miles of the spot of ground where I killed a large Spermacety the 5th of June and saw many more at that time, but at present there is not a sign of one upon the Coast. Latter part stood off

Saturday July 27th Gentle S E trades and remarkable fair whale weather. stood off S W N W all day without seeing anything except one humpback. Took any kind of fish, during the 6 P M the bearing & Dist. of Lobos de Mer is N 56 E

Sunday July 28th Continues Gentle trades and glorious whale weather standing in N E with all sail set, with no danger of wind, except the Top & Mast breaking down with many Mites, looking out, but in vain, for a Spermacety. At 6 P M the bearing and Distance of Lobos de Mer is N 36 E for several nights past I lay the Ship off & on under any