

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

Wednesday August 7th Commences light S.E. trades. Latter part fresh wind to S.E. continued standing in to 7th E. by the wind all day seeing a great many B. fish & humpbacks & but no sperm whales. Employed as necessary, opened the Run and arranged it. stood down the Cab. of yesterday's whale. At 10 P.M. single receipt the Topicals Lobos de Terra (85 Lg.)

Thursday August 8th Brisk trades at S.E. & S.W. and fair weather standing in to 7th E. by the wind all day without seeing any sperm whale. Latter part saw and spoke with ships Neutralite & Lucky of Nantucket 24 hours out of Port with News of Peace between G. Britain and Spain. (but I don't rely on the Intelligence) and of speaking several London Whale-ships without any late success. No Spanish omisers heard of lately on this Coast. At 6 P.M. tacked off by the wind. Vesta Head { 20 Leagues

Friday August 9th Light winds at S.E. & S.W. all of this day with an ugly crop swell on; standing off S.W. by the wind in (C) with ships Lucky and Neutralite, without seeing any more than humpbacks and porpoises on darkish coloured water. At 6 P.M. Spermacety Head { Same East { Dist 55 Lg. }

Saturday August 10th Brisk winds at S.E. and fair weather stood off S.W. by the wind without seeing anything except humpbacks & two sails the Neutralite & Lucky. Latter part stood off under easy sail. Lobos de Terra { Bearing East { Dist 65 Leagues }

Sunday August 11th Gentle breezes at S.E. and fair weather standing off S.W. by the wind all day in (C) with the Lucky, saw plenty of B. fish and a few humpbacks but no sperm whales. At 6 P.M. Lobos de Terra { Same East { Dist 70 Lg. } water very blue

Monday August 12th Gentle trades from S.E. & S.W. to S.E. and fair stood off S.W. all day without seeing anything. Lobos de Terra humpbacks and a few B. fish alive in the sea and no sign of sperm whales, so at 6 P.M. when Lobos de Terra { Same East { Dist 130 } lay the ship about headed in under courses

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Tuesday August 13th Gentle trades at S.E. to S.W. and fair weather standing in to 7th E. by the wind with all sail set, in company with ship Lucky of Nantucket without seeing a whale of any sort. During the day the water of a sky blue colour with nothing alive in its heaveabouts. At 8 P.M. shortened sail continuing headed in all the latter part. Lobos de Terra { Bearing S.E. East { Dist 107 Leagues } Employed as necessary on board

Wednesday August 14th Gentle trades from S.E. to S.W. and fair weather standing in to the E. by the wind with all sail set, but saw nothing except a few humpbacks on very clear water of a blue cast. The Lucky at a long distance is sighted, but no whale to be found. At 6 P.M. shortened sail. Lobos de Terra { Same East { Dist 84 Leagues }

Thursday August 15th Gentle trades at S.E. to S.W. and very fair weather standing in to the E. by the wind with all sail set, saw nothing but one school of Black fish, of which we took three and continued standing to the E. all the latter part. This morning we were on a strip of very light green water but by 10 A.M. it changed to a dark colour & we saw B. fish. At 6 P.M. Lobos de Terra { Same East { Dist 60 Leagues } Employed as necessary

Friday August 16th Gentle trade winds at S.E. & S.W. and fair weather stood in to 7th E. by the wind all day without seeing anything except 3 or 4 humpbacks the water of a blue colour. Employed as necessary, bled out one B. fish blubber & ends all well on board. At 6 P.M. shortened sail as usual. Lobos de Terra { Same East { Dist 55 Leagues }

Saturday August 17th Gentle trade winds at S.E. & S.W. and fair weather stood in till 8 P.M. with all sail set, saw nothing but a few Black fish and 2 or 3 humpbacks, the colour of the water changing from blue to muddy greenish. At 8 P.M. shortened sail and headed off S.W. all the latter part. Lobos de Terra { Bearing East { Dist 85 Leagues }

Sunday August 18th Brisk trades at S.E. and flights of mist stood in to 7th E. by the wind, without seeing anything but humpbacks & seals. At 6 P.M. the water very green tryed for bottom with 150 fathoms none, the mist clearing away saw spermacety Head the S.W. point leaving the Distance 6 Leagues. At 7 tacked ship to the Wind (S.W.) Lobos de Terra { Bearing S.W. East { Dist 7 Leagues } stood off all day. Latter part