

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, or Galapagos Islands 1805

Saturday 12th Light, southerly winds and fair weather. (Missing for whale at, and off about Banks Bay. Ship Neutrality in sight but whale seen from neither ship for the day. Employed at entering down the list of our four last whales that fell sixty miles. Latter part laid off and on under the lee of Neutrality I.

Sunday 13th Light, southerly winds and fair weather throughout these 24 hours cruising off and on from Cape Douglas to 12 leagues in company with the Neutrality but saw nothing alive in the sea except a parcel of Kallers which is no encouraging sight. few spermacettes. Latter part lay under easy sail this afternoon. On account of the most insulting & abusive language being uttered by Charles Brown against me, I shifted his quarters from the cabin into the Steerage

Monday 14th Gentle evening breezes at from S S E and S S W. Cruising off to the W of Neutrality Island, without having any current either way, so worked to windward and took a view into Elizabeth Bay, but saw nothing alive. Then ran down abreast of Cape Douglas. Spoke Ship Neutrality at 10 P.M. (in the dark) lost sight of the Neutrality at 11 P.M. and steered N N E to pass Cape Berkeley at 12 past it

Tuesday 15th At the commencement of this day, Cape Berkeley bore East Dist three leagues, the wind moderate at S S W steered N N E & N E, and past between Rodondo Rock and the North part of Albemarle to 7 E and Middle part very light winds & calm uneventful and repaired the Mizzen Top-sail & Chizen at 3 P.M. light S S W winds and fair steered East with Royals set fore and aft. By the alteration in the bearing of the Land we have nearly still water, as if any current it sets N N W, not exceeding one half mile an hour At 6 P.M. Rodondo Rock bore W S W, Cape Berkeley Albemarle point S S E, James Island S S E, and Abington Island E 26 N. Latter part continued steering East. Winds came light from the W.

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Wednesday 16th Light winds and very variable throughout this day, but when any wind it generally blew from the South & S W. Steering in East with full sail, at 10 A.M. when James Island bore S E. Albemarle point S S E. Rock Rodondo S W W, and Abington Island E N E. saw a shoal of sperm whales pursued them with all three boats killed several of them and by 2 P.M. took five small whales and one large one, along side, secured them fast to the bows, and hove too for daylight.

Thursday 17th Light winds varying about between S S E and W S W with some fine rain, got all clear and at 6 A.M. hove too to and whales took in the large one first, then the others as they by 6 P.M. had all six on board, except the large whale head which sunk so heavy that we could not get it on board. Secured its along side, and set the tryworks on to boiling with Winds light at from S to West. at 6 P.M. Cape Berkeley bore S W, James Island S E and Abington I. E N E.

Friday 18th Commenced brisk breezes at South and misty weather Employed at boiling out, at 6 A.M. hove too to and head took its trial, having a very rough sea on, which took us some 15 to get it all on board then move ship, made sail and steered in East by the wind with light breezes at S S E and fair weather. Employed at boiling and blubber at 6 P.M. Abington I. bore East & Berkeley South. Saw nothing movable in the sea during this day.

Saturday 19th Light winds varying between South & E S E and fair weather Steering in to E by the wind all of these 24 hours Employed at boiling out and blubber, saw nothing except Abington I. bearing (at 6 P.M.) S S E. Dist 10 leagues

Sunday 20th Commenced gentle breezes at S S E and fair W. steering in to E by the wind, finished boiling and blubber and began to stow whale oil & cold. Latter part broke under at S S E, finished stowing down the Body Oil and continued steering in by the wind, having seen nothing for the day, except small fish & birds At 6 P.M. (after dark) S S E.