

Ship (Gross whaling between the Galapagos I. & (Blanco. West. 1805

Monday 21 October Brisk trade winds at S. & S. E. & Spring loads, steering in to the E. by the wind throughout the 24 hours. First part finished stowing down and oil of the last whale the whole size, filling one hundred & thirty-five barrels. saw one whale, it being too windward to get sight of it before I could ascertain its species. Latter part Employed at preparing for another as good a piece of whale as the last. Lat 1-10 N Long 86-42 E Dist 56 Leagues

Tuesday 22 October Brisk single-reef Trawl breezes at about South and very squally weather (for this part of the globe) steering in E. by the wind all day without seeing anything living in the Sea. Employed at fitting up the new having had most of our barpoons broken that was used in the last size whale. At 6 P.M. more moderate set fore & main. Trawl over single-reef. (Chatham Island) Bearing N. W. by W. Distance 22 Leagues Lat 00-57 N Long 85-07 E Dist 32 Leagues

Wednesday 23 October Light winds between South and S. W. and heavy weather standing in to the E. by the wind with all sail set, against an ugly short head-bell sea, and not anything living or movable to be seen, except one dolphin which we caught. Employed as necessary on board, cooper at repairing Tacks & at 6 P.M. Lord Chatham Island (Bore West) Dist 32 Leagues Lat 00-57 N Long 84-54 E

Thursday 24 October Light air varying from S. E. to S. W. several times in the course of the 24 hours standing in to the E. by the wind without seeing anything in the Sea except a few turtles and one finback whale. Employed at sundry jobs as necessary, cooper at setting up casks &c. At 6 P.M. Lord Chatham Island (Bore N. W. S. Leagues Lat 00-16 N Long 84-06 E

Friday 25 October Light air at South & S. W. with a high irregular swell and ships of very water, as if a strong current was running which (they say) only blows back must set to the South at the rate of one mile per hour. Steered in to the E. by the wind all the 24 hours with all sail set as usual, without seeing anything movable or living in the Sea. Employed as necessary. At 6 P.M. Lord Chatham Island (Bore N. W. S. Leagues Lat 00-57 N Long 83-17 E

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Saturday 26 October Light winds varying between S. E. and S. W. with some flights of mist, standing in to the E. close on a wind with all sail set, against an ugly rough swell from the South. Keeping a bright look-out for stations may appear to view, but without seeing anything during this day except one turtle. Employed as necessary on board, cooper finished getting up of barrels. At 6 P.M. Point St Helena (Bore E. N. E. Dist 60 Leagues Lat 1-25 N Long 83-50 E

Sunday 27 October Gentle Gales at about South & S. W. with dead W. standing in to the E. by the wind all the 24 hours. At 4 A.M. the colour of the Sea changed from blue to green. Shifted our Trawl and continued standing in, but saw nothing at all. At 6 P.M. Point St Helena (Bore E. N. E. Dist 80 Leagues Lat 2-02 N Long 83-50 E

Monday 28 October Brisk breezes at South & S. W. with a very rough and ugly head-bell sea, standing in to the E. by the wind all the 24 hours, the colour of the Sea much darker than it was yesterday, but nothing to be seen, nor any sign of anything, although, I cannot allow myself to be far from land this day, together with the six or seven preceding days, in chase of a considerable space of (what has been) good whale ground and have not discovered the least sign of a whale of any description, nor indeed of anything else, except a few solitary turtles that appeared half starved. At 6 P.M. Point St Helena (Bore East) Dist 20 Leagues Lat 2-27 N Long 81-20 E

Tuesday 29 October The fresh winds at South and to S. W. stood off by the wind the first 5 hours then back it and stood in all the remaining part of this 24 hours with fresh winds under single reef & M. T. sail over them but saw nothing during the day, the water of a very dark green having headed up S. E. & sometimes S. E. for the most part of these 24 hours without differing the Lat. by 1/2 mile any more than 1/2 miles it is plain, that we have had a Northern current of (at least) 1/2 miles an hour. Latter part continued standing in S. E. by the wind keeping the Deepsea Lead Employed every half hour but without finding any bottom with 55 fms. Lat 2-46 N Long 81-17 E