

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

Wednesday 30th October Commenced Brisk Breezes at 11 AM standing in S.E. by the wind, keeping the Lead trying for bottom every half-hour, but got no bottom. At 6 AM the breeze flagging away saw the main Continent of Peru bearing from N.E. to E.N.E. the nearest Land at 9 or 10 Leagues Distance at 7 o'clock discovered the hammering of the Looisports to be black & useless, by the lowest Boat drawing up out of the Cutwater took out the boat entirely, made a proper place for and commenced the Looisports seriously, at noon Wind at S.W. & stood in at 5 PM being close in with the Land saw Cape Blanco (Dist 10 Leagues) took Ship & stood off and on all the latter part under single Reef topsails the wind fresh at from S.W. to N.E. & water very wavy having been Ten days & a half from Land to Land, I rather expect having Abington Island S.E. 10 Leagues to Blanco S.W. 10 Leagues

Thursday 31st October Commenced Brisk single Reef Breezes at between S.W. & N.E. stood off along shore until 6 AM when the breeze freshening stood off by the wind at Noon having lost sight of Blanco at bearing due East Distance 12 Leagues, continued standing off all the latter part, with more moderate winds and about South and fair weather, made sail occasionally at 6 PM (Dist 20 Leagues)

Friday 1st November Gentle cruising Breezes at between South and S.E. standing off to the Westward by the wind throughout these 24 hours with all sail set, without seeing anything in the Sea, Employed as necessary, Repaired the Mainmast shifted the Foremast &c. &c. At 6 PM Santa Rosa (Bore E. & S. Distance 50 Leagues)

Saturday 2nd November Gentle cruising Breezes at E.S.E. & to S.E. stood off to the S.W. by the wind till 7 PM then tack'd in all the latter part at 1 PM entered the green water that lies furthest off shore headed up S.W. at 5 PM past the western edge of it and saw a School of B. fish & three finbacks but no Spermocetes although on the very ground that has been covered with them Employed on board as necessary Repaired the Ironworks & altered our second best Foremast &c. At 6 PM Santa Rosa (Bore E. & N. Distance 20 Leagues)

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Sunday 3rd November Gentle cruising Breezes at S.E. & S.E. stood off to the S.W. by the wind throughout this day, this morning at 6 PM we were on the Western edge of the Green water at 8 the water continued standing off with hopes of seeing Whales every hour but saw nothing, except one swordfish during the day. At 6 PM judging myself to have Loois de Sud (Dist 35 or 100 Leagues) and no encouragement for Whales hereabouts tack'd Ship and stood in by the Wind (all the latter part) it being moderate at S.E.

Monday 4th November Commenced Light winds varying between S.E. & East laid off & on occasionally by the wind Middle and latter part gentle cruising breezes at S.E. stood in to E. by the wind saw nothing movable or living in the Sea, at 6 PM past near the Viceroy of Green water and continued standing in at 6 PM Loois de Torre (Dist 8 Leagues)

Tuesday 5th November Light winds between S.E. & S.E. stood in to the E. by the wind at Noon rounded the Ship too for an hour & scrubbed the Boards, latter part gentle cruising breezes continued and steered in by the wind, having seen nothing, for this day except two finback whales and a few Albatrosses Employed on Ship's duty as necessary, At 6 PM Loois de Torre (Dist 67 Leagues)

Wednesday 6th November Light winds varying between S.E. & S.E. stood in to the E. by the wind all these 24 hours with all sail set at 6 AM saw a strange Sail trimm'd, manoeuvred had all day, knew her to be the Suker of Nantucket, and at 7 PM spoke her & heard of the late Death of Capt. Olin (the whale who was shot through the Head by his own crew, about 20 Spanish Canoes to be heard of lately, Whales not very plenty hereabouts at 6 PM Loois de Torre (Dist 50 Leagues)

Thursday 7th November Light S.E. & Easterly winds & fair weather stood in by the wind to 7 PM on very greenish water all the day, without seeing anything except Ship, Suker of Nantucket Employed on board as necessary, at 8 PM tack'd Ship stood off S.W. by the wind all the latter part Loois de Torre (Dist 22 Leagues)

Lat 3-53
Lat 4-24
Lat 4-56
Lat 5-53
Lat 5-57