

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

Friday 8th November
 1st Light breeze at about S E and fair weather
 stood in by the wind till noon, seeing many humpbacks and swordfish
 in thick muddy water the Land appearing through the haze, at about
 8 or 9 leagues Distance E S E, we tackt ship and stood off all the
 latter part, but saw no whales, the Sloop in company

Saturday 9th November
 2nd Gentle cruising breeze at between S E B S E and S E, cruising
 off and on with all sail set in company with Ship Sloop
 Saw nothing except one small whale carcass that appeared to have
 been hit lately cut in, and plenty of Killers, a small fish
 the water of a thick muddy colour. Punta de Ancon { Bearing E S E }
 Dist 5.55 Leagues

Sunday 10th November
 3rd Light winds at S E B E and hazy weather stood off till
 2 P.M. lost sight of the Sloop, saw nothing but humpbacks
 we tackt ship and stood in the latter part saw 1 sperm whale. Sloop
 had seen no whales to day, cruising between 10 & 30 Leagues Distance
 W B S & W N from Punta de Ancon, where the Sloop has lately
 taken in a good part of her cargo. Unemployed as usual on Sundays
 Lat 6-06 Dist 8-10

Monday 11th November
 4th Light S E winds and hazy weather all the fore part
 latter part gentle breeze at S E and fair weather, cruising
 off and on without seeing anything for the day Punta de Ancon
 { Bearing E S E } Dist from 10 to 20 Leagues } no sight of any Sperm whales
 as if they have all forsook the Coast again
 Lat 6-16 Dist 8-10

Tuesday 12th November
 5th Gentle cruising breeze and fair weather all of this day
 (cruising off and on) at the Distance of between 10 and 30
 Leagues from Punta de Ancon where there has been plenty of
 whale seen for some time past, but at present not a whale
 to be seen nor any sign of any. Continued pursuing with great
 hopes of raising them every hour saw nothing but a Sloop
 Lat 6-19 Dist 8-10

Wednesday 13th November
 6th Light breeze between S E & S S E with hazy W
 stood in to the land by the wind toward the Land but found
 ourselves much farther from the Land than I expected
 Saw nothing but humpbacks, finbacks, Grampases, Seals,
 small fish & fowls, a Ship Sloop, No Sperm whales about here
 Lat 6-13 Dist 6 P.M. Cabo de Torre { Bearing E S E }
 Dist 10 Leagues

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Thursday 14th November
 7th Gentle Breeze between S E & S S E and hazy weather
 (cruising off & on to the best advantage to get windward)
 Lat saw no Sperm whales, plenty of humpbacks & finbacks.
 Seal, 1/2 caught a sword fish, saw the Sloop cruising under
 our lee without seeing anything, the water very thick and
 empty on board the small Sloop very parts of duty
 Lat 6-30 Dist 11-24

Friday 15th November
 8th Breeze cruising breeze from S E B E to S E B S E stood off
 to the S W by the wind all the 24 hours together, the W
 being hazy, and water of a thick muddy cast, saw nothing but
 a few humpbacks, a sword fish, and two pieces of lean of whale
 so that somebody has found whale at no great Distance, twined
 at 6 P.M. Cabo de Torre { Bearing E S E }
 Dist 34 Leagues
 Lat 6-36 Dist 8-30

Saturday 16th November
 9th Breeze breeze at S E & S E B E stood off S W
 by the wind throughout the 24 hours without seeing anything
 living or movable in the sea the colour of the water having
 changed since yesterday, to a clearer dark colour full of bluish
 shingles, as is frequently the case where whales are plenty
 at 6 P.M. Cabo de Torre { Bearing E S E }
 Dist 60 Leagues
 Lat 7-28 Dist 8-44

Sunday 17th November
 10th Breeze breeze between S E B S E & S E B E with
 fair weather, stood off S W till noon at which time
 I judge myself to have Cabo de Torre { Bearing E S E }
 Dist 86 Leagues then having seen nothing living or movable in the sea
 tackt ship and stood in by the wind all the latter part
 without seeing anything of any description whatever
 Lat 8-40 Dist 8-50

Monday 18th November
 11th Gentle breeze at S E B E all the fore part, with
 fair weather, stood off to the S W till 11 A.M. then
 tackt to S E and stood in by the wind which was
 moderate at from S E B S E to S E B E having seen
 one finback, & a few albacores during this day. Although
 the weather is fair, the sea smooth, and the W. Head
 well Man'd fore and aft, with a good lookout and every one
 anxious to see our Game, yet we find it impossible, as
 there is no whale to be seen, nor any sign of Sperm whales
 cruising off & on as per Journal. But remain in hopes of
 being able to write something more pleasing on the other side
 of this leaf Employed as before, Cabo de Torre { Bearing E S E }
 Dist 28 Leagues
 Lat 8-44 Dist 8-44