

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

Tuesday November 19th Gentle evening breezes between S E B S. S E B E standing in to the E by the wind at 7 A.M. saw several sperm whales, gave chase with all three boats, they being very shy, it was not without much difficulty that we caught one of them killed him & took him along side at noon, at the same time saw another by itself, which we afterwards killed and at 3 P.M. got along side, they being young bulls, killed 2 and at 4 P.M. had them completely on board, we made sail & stood in by the wind it being moderate at S E & fair. We began to try and blubber. Lobos de Mar { Bearing E 8 N Dist - 58 Leagues

Wednesday November 20th Gentle breezes at S E & S E with heavy weather stood in to the E by the wind all of this day well employed at boiling out our blubber, but could not get any more, not any thing else movable in the sea, the colour of water changing from a light blue to green at 11 P.M. took ship to the W at which time Lobos de Mar { Bearing N 51 E Dist - 43 Leagues

Thursday November 21st Breeze winds at S E and heavy weather stood off to the S S W by the wind all of this day without seeing anything in the sea, the colour of water changing from green to blue employed as necessary, finished boiling out our blubber and stood part of the oil below, found several bad casks at 6 P.M. Lobos de Mar { Bearing N 63 E Dist - 72 Leagues

Friday November 22nd Breeze winds at S E and rough weather stood off to the S S W by the wind till noon, saw a school of 10 fish, took ship and stood in all the latter part being on light blue water all day, finished stowing down our last two whales which has filled twenty-one barrels, at noon when we took ship Lobos de Mar { Bearing N 52 E Dist - 91 Leagues

Saturday November 23rd Gentle Gale at S E and fair weather stood in to the E by the wind all the 24 hours without seeing any living thing in the sea except two humpbacks, employed on board as necessary, began at repairing casks, mended all of our casks & collected all empty casks together at 6 P.M. Lobos de Mar { Bearing N 52 E Dist - 100 Leagues

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Sunday November 24th Moderate breezes at S E and heavy weather all the fore part of this day, stood off to the S S W by the wind, the latter part of the 24 hours having some flights of mist and thick weather gave nothing to day but one school of 10 fish having changed the colour of water from light blue to a muddy cast, employed the fore part repairing casks at 6 P.M. Lobos de Mar { Bearing N 63 E Dist - 83 Leagues

Monday November 25th Light winds at S E and heavy weather coming off 2 m. by night & standing in to the E by the wind all day in blue water, they were very smooth, but nothing alive in it to be seen except 3 or 4 fish and two Grampases, employed on board as necessary, began at repairing bad casks & the surface of the sea appearing as broken as the Arabian Sea, at 6 P.M. Lobos de Mar { Bearing N 63 E Dist - 100 miles

Tuesday November 26th Light winds coming between South & East, and sometimes calm stood in most of the time when any wind, chased the land, shifted the fore part of the 26 hours at repairing bad casks & as necessary saw several whales, and one humpback, but no sign of sperm whales the wind so very light at S E that we cannot shift our ground for to find whales at 6 P.M. Lobos de Mar { Bearing N 63 E Dist - 100 miles

Wednesday November 27th Gentle breezes at about S E and fair weather, stood in to the E by the wind on green water, seeing many humpbacks try for bottom with 150 fathoms at 1 P.M. but found no bottom caught a swordfish, continued standing in East till 6 P.M. when the sea being remarkably very full of small fish try for and found bottom with 145 fathoms of water, took ship & stood off all the latter part by the wind which is small at S E & S at 6 P.M. I judge myself to be at least 15° from the equator as the weather is tolerable clear and no appearance of land

Thursday November 28th Breeze coming breezes at S E & S E B E stood off to the S S W by the wind throughout this day, keeping (as usual) light look out for sperm whales, but saw nothing except a few humpbacks & humpback whales, the colour of water changing from a green to a light blue, employed on board as necessary, began at repairing casks & c. & c. In this manner I continue cruising for a voyage over and about the same ground where great voyages have hitherto been made, but at present there is no body of whales on this coast, as I have seen no sperm whales since last August, at 6 P.M. Lobos de Mar { Bearing N 63 E Dist - 100 miles