

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West. Master 1845

Friday 29 November Commences brisk evening breezes at S E & S W & fair weather at 10 AM fresh breeze, till in P M shifts at 8 P M winds fresh and rugged whole weather single reef for the topsails fore & aft. at 10 AM Main sail, Mizzen & Jib continued standing off all of this day having seen nothing during the 24 hours but one finback the water of a light blue color. At 6 P M the Land at 56 Leagues Employ on board as necessary Cooper at repairing Cables &c.

Saturday 30 November Commences strong breezes at S E and rugged dirty weather standing off by the wind under single reef. Topails without seeing anything in the sea during this day, the M. thick & misty Employ as necessary on board Cooper as usual on last night At 6 P M tack to ship & stood in E B N by the wind all the latter part, being lost from Land about 75 or 80 Leagues

Sunday 1 December Commences fresh S E trades & very rugged weather stood in to the E by the wind under single reef. Topails Middle part a little more moderate, but reef & set the M. T of sail continued standing in all day, heading up E B N & sometimes East, without seeing anything in the sea except a few Bonnetors, the weather being very distressing for Peru. At 6 P M winds increasing till in single reef fore & aft Judging my Distance from Land to be about 50 Leagues

Monday 2 December Commences fresh S E trades with thick rugged weather standing in to the E by the wind under single reef. Topails Middle part a little more moderate with the M. T of sail. At noon tack it in again, winds continuing fresh in squalls all the latter part steering in E B N close on a wind on blue water, without seeing anything in the sea, at 6 P M the Land at 22 Leagues

Tuesday 3 December Commences moderate breezes at S E and heavy weather standing in to the E by the wind on greenish water try'd for bottom, found none, with 150 Lines saw several Whalers, but nothing else in the sea. Middle part light winds at S E & S W and an ugly swell on. Latter part Gentle trades continued standing in by the wind with all sail set, having run in much more Dist. than we ran off which plainly shows the effect of a Western Current to our advantage. At 6 P M the Land at 22 Leagues

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Wednesday 4 December Gentle breezes between S E & S W with fair weather all day stood in till 6 AM trying for bottom, without finding any till 6 AM when on 150 meters the weather cleared, saw no Land so that I judge myself to be 20 Leagues Dist from the tack to ship and stood off to N by the wind all the latter part on green water, and many humpbacks & finbacks in sight At 6 P M the Land at 23 Leagues

Thursday 5 December Commences brisk winds at S E standing off S W by the wind Middle part calm latter part light breezes & fair W. continued standing off by the wind, saw nothing living in or near on the sea, during this pleasant day, as could not see any Employ on board other than watching the motions on the sea At 6 P M the Land at 27 Leagues Distance

Friday 6 December Gentle evening breezes at S E & S W standing off S W by the wind without seeing any movable thing in the sea till 12 P M, then raised sight of plenty of sperm. W. fish & appeared at 1 PM a single sperm. put off all boats and barely saved the opportunity of striking him before sunset however with success, we killed him & at 7 took him along side, secured him well, and have too, the latter parts for daylight At 6 P M the Land at about 73 Leagues Distance

Saturday 7 December Commences gentle breezes at S E & S W laying too by our whale, At 5 P M wore ship, tack to N by the wind At 3 had him all on board, made sail & stood off S W by the wind all the Middle & latter parts without seeing anything except 3 por & 1 B. fish & some small fish caught Employ at boiling our blubber &c. the Land at 6 P M 30 having seen a fresh carcass of a whale, Judge we have sighted

Sunday 8 December Gentle gales at S E and fair weather throughout this day at 4 AM finished boiling out our whale. Middle part stood at below, at 3 P M saw a sperm. down all boats but the whale staying down and how at 6 time did not catch her till 6 P M. killed and took her along side at 7 made her well fast, and have too all the latter parts having stood down our last whale of 36 B. of oil At 6 P M the Land at 75 Leagues