

At Anchor on the Coast of Africa

Tuesday 12th

This day opens with fine weather. Two boats off cruising for whales but saw none come on board at sundown. Starboard boat crew employed in fixing doors before the arches & hammers a new grind stone also stowing a cask which leaked in the ground. Middle part fine. Scattered light southerly breeze. Two boats off cruising. Saw nothing. Boat crew in board employed in making two casks which leaked on the port side. These were casks came from St. Helena. Came on board at sundown.

Wednesday 13th

This day first part light southerly winds. Two boats cruising. One boat came on board at sundown. During the night fine weather but calm. Scattered calm two boats off cruising. Crew on board employed in stowing one cask of oil & coopering two casks from the ground. Se ends.

Thursday 14th

This day first part light southerly winds & a heavy swell from the same quarter. Two boats off on cruise came on board at sundown. Had seen nothing. Middle calm. At six AM saw two whales off shore. Landed two boats & gave chase. but could not get on. At night 1/2 AM had a land breeze & went off on a cruise. Boat crew busking up the day work. Se ends.

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Friday 15th

This day weather fine with light southerly breeze & a heavy swell setting from the southward. Two boats off cruising. One on whale. Came on board at sundown. Saw one sail. Middle calm scattered light breeze. At 6 AM heaved up our anchor & stood off & on shore saw a small whale & heaved for him. Se ends with current setting to the south.

Saturday 16th

This day weather fine. all three boats cruising. whale came on board at three PM. At about five PM raised another whale going to the leeward. Capt. lowered & struck several times up at about half past six & he sank to the bottom. had all three boats first to him & parted from him & two boats of us went to the ship & worked her up to the whale & let go the anchor in 20 fathoms water & ran a line to the ship. gave her 55 fathoms chain & furled the sails. through the night she rolled like a top. At day-light weather fine with good breeze & a strong southerly current. Saw several whale hauled but could not strike. Se ends.

Sunday 17th Today opens with fine weather & strong south wind & current setting from the same way. Landed for whale. At one PM starboard boat struck & killed her whale. the other boats help tow to the ship. got along side & hooked on & commenced cutting. All cut in & sat the watch at sundown employed in cutting blubber & muzzing. Se ends.