

Lost the big anchor, Sunday 7th
In stead of the board of St. V. & the anchor, we were in little or no danger by the rain

Whaling on the Coast of Africa August Sunday 7th

To day fine with strong South winds. Steered down the coast saw three or four whales. However, but found them very wild came on board. & got supper & let go anchor in 10 fathoms water about five miles to the westward of Cape Verde. Through the night quite a strong breeze with a short sea gave her more chain. At six A.M. commenced to heave up on the anchor. At six & thirty minutes the chain parted close to the anchor. The Schooner pitching her bowsprit to the water edge. Employed in securing down cutlins gear & setting up the Starboard main rigging. Saw several whales going quick to the water. At 12 got by sea found our boat 1 1/2 miles South steering by the wind heading W by South.

~~Monday 8th~~ Through the night. This day opening with quite a good breeze. Steering West with wind. At South. Through the night fine breeze. Steered West. Weather the same. Employed in fixing the ropes to the windlass. Water employed in securing the masts. At ends. Lat 1 1/2 S. South Long 6 1/2 W. East

Tuesday 9th To day weather fine. Steering S. by W. Saw a large wreck to the windward. Water employed in washing ship & scraping masts. Middle the same. At daylight raised the Island of Annabona. Two points on our Starboard. Now distant 3 miles. Steered for it. At 12 more distant 10 miles bearing West. Two canoes came off to ends. Wind lulling.

Round for Annabona. August 9th 1840

Wednesday 10th This day opens with very light & baffling winds. Steered West by the wind with strong Northerly current sweeping us off to the S. & toward of the Island. Towed all three boats & towed but could not stem the current. Sent the clothes on shore all but one which the Capt. took for a pilot. At four P.M. on the Starboard tack heading S. by E. land bearing S. W. Middle good breeze steering by the wind both tacks. At daylight land bearing S. W. distant 10 miles. At eight lowered & two boats & pulled to windward up to the land. So under land distant 10 miles.

Thursday 11th To day weather fine. Steering by the wind on both tacks making short tacks with wind about South. At noon came on board. At two P.M. had seen nothing through the night. Fine & light winds. Weather the same. At dusk 1 P.M. land distant 25 miles bearing S. W. by S. At ends.

Friday 12th To day weather fine. Steering by the wind on the Starboard tack heading from S. by E. to S. by W. have seen nothing but on board one skin from shore. Water is falling rather fast & prayers often for a fair wind to go to an anchor. Through the night the same. At dusk 1 P.M. land distant 25 miles bearing S. W. by S. At ends.

Saturday 13th Steering by the wind with very light breeze heading S. by E. At one tacked ship heading S. W. Breeze light. At six tacked again heading South. Through the night light air. At dusk the same. At four P.M. tacked again. Day ends with light wind land bearing S. by E.

Annabona dist 10 miles