

Sunday) May 19th Moderate breezes and pleasant weather. Steering in for the land, looking for the harbor of Callao. Brought the Chain to the Anchors and made preparations for going into port. Steered to the North and ~~the~~ passing the Island which was supposed to be San Lorenzo on the larboard side and some small Islands to the Starboard. The main land ahead but not much appearance like a town or harbor. The land very high and mountainous and can be seen 60 or 70 miles in the interior. At noon the land about 10 miles distant.

Monday) May 20th Light winds and pleasant weather. Steered in for the land till 3 P.M. when we found no harbor and that we were about 40 miles to leeward of Callao. Hauled close by the wind and commenced beating to windward. There is a strong lee current. At noon Pelada Island bore E & N one league distant. Lat Obs 11° 27' S.

Tuesday) May 21st Light winds and pleasant weather. Beating to windward. Latter part thick weather & light rain. Painting Ship and tarring rigging. No observation of land in sight.

Wednesday) May 22nd Thick weather till sunset. Remainder of the 24 hours moderate breezes & pleasant. Beating to windward. Painting Ship. Lat Obs 12° 24' S.

Thursday) May 23rd Moderate breezes and pleasant weather. Beating to windward. No land in sight. Painting Ship. Lat Obs 13° 59' S.

Friday) May 24th Moderate breezes and pleasant weather. At noon saw the land. Painting Ship.

Saturday) May 25th Gentle breezes and pleasant weather. Stood in for the land and made the Island of San Lorenzo off Callao Harbor. Could not fetch in by Sun-down being to leeward 3 or 4 miles therefore tacked off and beat to windward through the night. At Daylight the Island bore N & E 3 miles distant. At 10 A.M. did away Calm.

and the current setting on shore, got the Boat out ahead to tow her off. Got a Stream Anchor and bent on all the small Chain ready for letting go. At Noon a breeze sprung up from the S.E. when we stood in for Callao Harbor. I then did by Nautical Computation and continued the civil day till midnight. At 5 P.M. came to an anchor in Callao Roads in 8 fathoms water. Hauled sail and made snug. A Boat came along side from the U.S. Schooner Dolphin now lying here and among the officers who came on board was Midshipman Charles Hunter, Son of the Hon^{ble} W^m Hunter of Providence formerly of Newport. Also one of the Boat's crew was a Son of W^m Henry Mumford of Providence who made inquiries of me respecting his father's family. There are two Whale Ships lying here the Iris, Coffin of New Bedford 16 months out 600 Bbls and Franklin, Prince of Nantucket 20 months out 800 Bbls. Also the English Frigate Dublin.

Sunday) May 26th Fine pleasant weather. Moored Ship. Larboard Watch on Shore for the day. Mr. Shearman and myself went ashore at 1 P.M. and spent the remains of the day. Dined with a Mr. Lyon who keeps a Hotel and Bowling Alley &c. Came on board at Sunset. Callao is a small Seaport town bearing marks of antiquity in the dilapidated state of its buildings, and makes a poor appearance in every thing except its forts and places of defence which being built more according to modern fashion, have a neat appearance and are strongly built. The harbor is formed by a natural Roadstead and having the Island of San Lorenzo to the South and West forms almost a basin. The forts which are on the back part of Callao command the entrance of the harbor, and a fort is building on the Island of San Lorenzo which will guard a narrow channel way between that Island & the main. There are some large clumsy looking stone buildings in the town which like most Spanish houses show their beauty in the interior of them. Lima the Capital of Peru is about seven miles distant.