

bearing NW and Hood's Island S.W. At 5 P.M. squared away for the latter Island. Got the larboard Anchor on the Bow ready, and bent the Chain. At 8 P.M. anchored in 15 fathoms in Gardner Bay. At day break all hands but the Cook, Steward and myself went ashore after Terrapin which are a species of Land Turtle and are found on most of these Islands. They are excellent food and weigh from 50 to 300 pounds. I continued this day by civil account. At night the Boats returned having obtained 47.

Saturday June 29th. At 4 A.M. all hands went ashore in a small Bay about 3 miles to leeward after Terrapin except the Captain, Cook & Steward. Went myself ~~of course~~, and a man fatiguing as I never experienced. We traversed about 4 miles to the top of a high mountain through briars & brambles and over precipitous rocks, with the sun pouring its scorching rays upon us and not a drop of water to be found anywhere to allay a burning thirst. On our return which was in the middle of the day we came to the shore about a mile from where the Boats lay and all but myself proceeded on, the remainder of the distance. Having 3 Terrapin 2 on the back & one dangling in front of me, slung over my shoulders like a pair of saddle-bags I was so exhausted by thirst & weariness that I fell on the rocks and set the bone on my leg (which had almost healed again to bleeding) and it was some time before I could proceed on. When I reached our tent I found the most of the crew gone on a second cruise. At twilight all being down to the Boats except Sam Jones (a black) who could not be found, we started for the Ship and got on board at 9 P.M. Ship Tident, Capt. Stetson of New Bedford 25 months out 2500 Bbls Oil on shore here this morning. Obtained this day 92 Terrapin.

Sunday June 30th. The larboard & waist boats went ashore at the two places where we have got Terrapin, to look for Sam Jones but could not find him. Obtained 35 Terrapin and when they came off William Linland the Cooper was not to be found.

Monday July 1st 1833. Cloudy weather. The boats went in search of the lost men. Found the Cooper on the beach waiting and Sam Jones who had got lost in the mountains and had had no drink except a little water he found in the hollows of rocks & nothing to eat.

Tuesday July 2nd 1833. At 4 A.M. weighed anchor and made sail for Charles Island in C. with Ship Tident. At 3 P.M. anchored in Eper Bay (Charles Island) in 9 fathoms.

Wednesday July 3rd. Squally and rain at intervals. Captain West & Stetson went to Hoviana a small village & settlement on the South side of the Island, and the Boats went for Terrapin. There are about 150 Lillies here who came from the city of Guayaquil on the coast of Peru, about two years since. They are under the control of Gov. Villamil a Spanish Gentleman born in New Orleans who has been a Major in the Peruvian Service. They have about 100 acres of land under cultivation and raise Pumpkins Potatoes Watermelons &c with little labor and should they continue to succeed in their expectations it may in a few years become a desirable port for whaling to recruit at. There is plenty of good water to be had here and they are about laying logs to lead it from the mountains to the beach. The Captains returned from the settlement and the Boats from the Terrapin excursion and brought off 41. A Boat came from Hoviana at 11 P.M. bringing Pumpkins & watermelons and a man by name of J. J. Jones who was shipped in lieu of Thomas Lumsden who came on board at Callao discharged on account of poor health.

Thursday July 4th. At Daylight boom shot and at 7 A.M. weighed anchor & proceeded for sea. At noon Charles Island bore E. by N. 4 leagues distant. Hoisted the Colors & fired Muskets in commemoration of American Independence. At noon I began Astronomical computations.

Friday July 5th. Moderate breezes and latter part squally weather. Saw shoals of Porpoises & a Finback.

Lat Obs 2° 14' S Long 90° 06' W

Saturday July 6th. Strong winds and squally weather. Steering to S. by W. by the wind.

Lat Obs 3° 26' S Long 92° 13' W

Sunday July 7th. Strong winds & squally weather. Steering to S. by W. by the wind.

Lat Obs 5° 11' S Long 93° 48' W

Monday July 8th. Winds, weather, and course the same. Saw a shoal of Porpoises.

Lat Obs 6° 31' S Long 94° 57' W

Tuesday July 9th. Winds, weather, and course the same. Saw three Finbacks.

Lat Obs 7° 22' S Long 95° 41' W