

Remarks at Rabenda 1857

Wednesday July 27th these 24 hours Moderate breeze & pleasant. at daylight took the anchor & steered in for Rabenda. at 2 P.M. came to anchor at Rabenda in 3 fathoms water with 25 fath^m Chain

Thursday July 28th these 24 hours Moderate breeze & pleasant. took the anchor & towed out in deeper water. Came too in 3 fathoms water. employed taking off wood

Friday July 29th these 24 hours pleasant weather took five Boat loads of wood on Board

Saturday July 30th these 24 hours light breeze at 7 A.M. took the anchor & steered down the Coast. at 7 P.M. came to anchor in 9 fathoms water with 25 fath^m Chain

Sunday July 31st these 24 hours light breeze & smoky at 7 A.M. took the anchor & steered to the North at 7 P.M. came to anchor in 16 1/2 fath^m water 25 fath^m Chain. saw H. Backs.

Monday August 1st these 24 hours light breeze & smoky at daylight took our anchor & steered for Loango Bay at 3 P.M. came to anchor in Loango Bay in 8 fathoms water with 35 fath^m Chain. a Boat Boarded us from the British War steamer Archer.

Tuesday Aug. 2nd these 24 hours light airs & smoky got under way & stood off shore about 8 miles from the land & anchored in 11 fathoms water. saw one small H. Back

Wednesday Aug. 3rd Commences with light airs and smoky. at 8 P.M. took the anchor & steered out to the S.W.

Thursday Aug. 4th Commences with a light breeze from the South. steering N.W. & N.W. by W. saw a steamer lowered for a H. Back at 5 P.M. sounded got 31 fathoms middle & latter parts fresh breeze & foggy. at 5 P.M. steered N.E.

Friday Aug. 5th Commences with a Moderate breeze from from the S.W. with foggy weather. steering N.E. at 1 P.M. saw the land. at 2 P.M. came to anchor in Mayumba Bay with in 17 fathoms water with 50 fathoms Chain

Saturday Aug. 6th these 24 hours fresh breeze & a high swell employed chasing H. Backs. got none

Sunday Aug. 7th these 24 hours light breeze. at 8 A.M. got under way & stood down the Coast. saw H. Backs. at 12 P.M. lowered the Boat & struck one the Iron Dred. at 3 P.M. struck the whale again he stove the Boat had to cut line killed one with a Boom lance. saw the other turn up from the ship & sink. Hove an iron in to the whale we shot & he sunk anchored the ship alongside of him & took the line to the ship. had 15 fathoms water about 8 miles to the North of Cape Mayumba

Monday Aug. 8th these 24 hours Moderate breeze from the South employed mending the Starboard Boat. the whale on the Bottom

Tuesday Aug. 9th these 24 hours light breeze & pleasant. at 1 P.M. the whale came up. hooked on & cut him in. at 1 P.M. commenced Boiling. Chased H. Backs got none

Wednesday Aug. 10th these 24 hours light airs & Calm employed Boiling. at 4 P.M. finished & lowered for H. Backs. struck one got a Boat Capsized & lost the whale

Thursday Aug. 11th these 24 hours light breeze & foggy struck & killed a H. Back. he sunk anchored him with two Boat anchors. got the ship underway & stood out for him at 8 P.M. came too in 17 fathoms water.

Friday Aug. 12th these 24 hours a Calm. employed stowing down Oil & Chasing H. Backs. at 1 P.M. got the ship underway & run alongside of the Dead H. B.