

Journal on board

S.P.O. 1 February 1871

Wednesday Feb 2

Good day or a pleasant one. Land in sight this morning. Massapequa situated 90 miles West from Guam. Humpbacks and one sail in sight.

Thursday 20

Ran in close to land and the waist and bow boats went fishing but did not have much better than a fisherman there. The island is inhabited by a few families from Chili. our fishing wound up with a gamut with the Samuel Thomas.

Friday Feb 30

Fine weather, course west and "merrily sailed we" nothing in sight.

Saturday 4th

Pleasant weather and a good breeze. course West. one sail in sight of course.

Sunday Feb 5th

Running and a good breeze we had course West. nothing unusual occurred or transpired or expired worthy of note paper.

Monday Feb 6

One of those foggy dull brizzly disagreeable days. I tell so much about them and describe them so finely that any one could tell it was not pleasant or was I don't know which.

Tuesday Feb 7

Fine weather with a light breeze. set all sail this morning and stood full and by head N.E. nothing in sight.

Wednesday Feb 8

Good weather. but not much wind. course East. painted boats and a few other little jobs done preparatory to going in for I should think.

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Thursday Feb. 9th

a strong breeze and rather cold. at one o'clock squared the yards and spoke the Virginia Marks of Valparaiso, Capt. Heath. The V.M. was formerly The Bird of the Wave of N. B.

Friday Feb. 10th

Double reefed top sails seems to be the go now. two sails in sight and land Massapequa.

Saturday Feb. 11th

Fine weather this afternoon a stinker was run from the masthead and the waist boats crew had the pleasure of pulling two or three miles and then be rewarded by seeing a humpback carcass but "merry like company" and we were pleased to see three boats coming from another ship that was to the windward of us. it finished with a gamut with the Maggie Hall of Valparaiso. Capt. Heath came on board.

Sunday Feb. 12th

Light winds run South. at six this morning - Kinkall - raised sperm whale just to windward of the ship. at seven two boats lowered and soon the thick one. the mate struck him and among three boats he was soon "fin out" then whalers were close to, as put alas! for them they were too late. had him on deck by 9 o'clock P.M. How much better this pen makes this book look for a voyage.

Monday Feb 13

Out of junk bailed case. this morning then started the big works had good weather for boiling consequently did a good days work and now I will go to sleep with the music of a mining machine which is more pleasant than frogs. peepers crickets and other lowly noises which I remember so well.