

Towards the Gallapagos

Thursday April 13th 1843

Came nearly calm. Employed in ship's duty. Middle part fresh breeze from the W. Latter part the same, hoisted a Brig from Paita bound to Choco. Lat 3° 44'S. Long 83° 03'W.

Friday April 14th

Commenced with fresh trades and fair weather. Steering W. S. W. all sail out. Employed in fitting the outer Bobstay and various other jobs. Latter part light breeze. Lat 3° 06'S.

Saturday April 15th

Began with light baffling winds. Steering W. by S. let up the Bobstay A. M. went the hold. Lat 3° 07'S. Long 85° 55'W.

Sunday April 16th

Came with moderate trades and fine weather. Steering W. A. M. saw Blackfish porpoised &c. Lat 3° 45'S. Long 87° 35'W.

Monday April 17th

Commenced the same. Steering W. W. made some battens stuff. Lat 2° 15'S. Long 88° 17'W.

Tuesday April 18th

Began with light trades, saw Blackfish &c. Lat 1° 53'S. Long 88° 55'W.

Wednesday April 19th

Came moderate and cloudy. Employed in making rope and ruffling up an old sail. A. M. made Hoods island. Lat 1° 46'S. Long 87° 55'W.

Thursday April 20th

Commenced with light airs. Steering W. W. A. M. went ashore with two boats. Latter part calm.

Friday April 21st

Began with moderate breezes and squally from west, S. W. S. E. and finally calm. at 8 a.m. came to anchor off Hoods island in 17 fathom water. at 8 p.m. the boats returned. Succeeded in getting a few Turpin.

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Saturday April 22nd 1843

Came with light baffling winds; cloudy rainy weather; took on board 60 Turpin.

Sunday April 23rd

Commenced with fresh trades and fine weather, took off seventeen Turpin.

Monday April 24th

Began the same; nearly all hands ashore; at night took on board thirty five Turpin.

Tuesday April 25th

Came the same; at daylight got under way with a light breeze with a light breeze from the S. stood to the W.

Wednesday April 26th

Commenced with fresh breezes from the S. W. W. and clear. took to the E and weathered Hoods island. A. M. fresh breezes from the S. W. at noon Hoods island bore E. N. E. dist 30 miles.

Thursday April 27th

Began with fresh breezes from the W. and cloudy; at 3 p.m. off Gardner island veered to the S. went the hold. at noon Charles island bore W. by E. dist 6 miles.

Friday April 28th

Came with light airs and fair weather. Steading to the Westwards. Saw fin-backs and porpoises. A. M. off Charles island and squared away for South Head. Lat 1° 10'S. Long 90° 43'W.

Saturday April 29th

Commenced with light trades; hunted for Blackfish but got none; A. M. off South Head raised a shoal of sperm whales and struck one.

Sunday April 30th

Began with moderate winds and fair; cut in the whale. Latter part blowing off South Head.