

Remarks On Board The Ship Houqua Cruising

Monday 9th Day of May 1836

All these 24 hours light winds from the Eastward Clear pleasant weather & the Sea smooth & air Starboard tacks aboard at 8 A.M. lowered three Boats for a hump Back Whale the Mist Boate got fast & he slid him up about 8 mile in a short time & then he slackd away his stem & did the execution for him took him along side & had him cut in by 12 Meridian Down tacks behind the sails for the wind & stood on to the North So ends these 24 hours with 2 men not able to do Duty Lewis Stephens has been sick three or four Days & thinks that he has the Mias that he has formerly been subject to it - Latitude Obs

Tuesday 10th Day

All these 24 hours light breezes from the Eastward & fine weather heading up from W. to N.E. with our Starboard tacks aboard at 10-30 A.M. raised a sail of our Sea Bow from the S.G. heads at 12 Meridian she was off the Sea Room 10 Miles off by Estimation & Distinguished her to be a Brig on her larboard tacks So ends these 24 hours Latitude Obs 25°-30' South

Latitude Obs 25-11 Wednesday 11th Longitude at 3 P.M. 35°-59'-15"

All these 24 hours light breezes from the Eastward & fine weather at 1 P.M. the Brig that I spoke of above tacked ship of our sea quarter shot M. Sailsail & f. gill stood on after us till near sunset did not near us much tacked ship & stood on to the S.W. our Captain had some suspicions of her being a French Man-of-war & did not like to run down to see what her intentions were we formerly have heard that the said ship is expected to burst & if such it may be it stands us in hand to keep an eye out to the windward but I expect that she is a Merchantman in want of something that we will supply him with without till or no injury to us & very beneficial to them so we have each other out of sight without any satisfaction on either side I am inclined that he is not superior for any thing later than tried out the humpback that we caught at the 9th made about 8 blb

In The Mosambique Channel for Whale 1836

Thursday 12th Day of May

All these 24 hours light breezes from the S.E. & fine weather at 10 A.M. spoke the ship Annmariah of Newlandon Capt. Chester with 950 blb of whale oil & 150 Sperm & ship George of Do & D. of oil had a gam with them Capt. Levery So ends these 24 hours with a fine leading Breeze from the South all three ships in Company steering East Latitude Obs 25°-47' South longitude at 3 P.M. 36°-08'-15"

Friday 13th

All these 24 hours fine breezes from the S.E. & pleasant weather at 4 P.M. raised a large school of Sperm whale ahead going to the windward fast could not get clear enough to them before dark to loar. Carried sail all these 24 hours at 6 A.M. tacked ship & stood to the S.W. ends with light breezes & warm fair ships in sight & a plenty Blackfish Latitude Obs 25°-35' South

Saturday 14th

P.M. Commences with light breezes from the South & fine weather at 1 P.M. lowered for Blackfish Caught none spoke the ship Bayrds Boates at 9 spoke the ship Emerald of Newbedford Capt. Varton 1100 blb whale oil middled later part fine & steady breezes from E.N.E. & pleasant weather with our larboard tacks aboard Latitude 26-00 Longitude at 1-30 P.M. 35-30

Sunday 15th

All these 24 hours light winds from the Eastward & fine weather standing to the S.E. at 9 A.M. lowered & struck a Diamond fish & Drowd from him Lat 26-25 Long 36-08-45

Monday 16th

All these 24 hours light winds & Calms at 1 A.M. wore ship & stood to the North at 9 A.M. raised a school of Sperm whale & lowered for them Chast them 5 or 6 hours without any success with 15 Boats in Chase spoke the ship George of Downing So ends these 24 hours with 5 ships in sight Latitude 26-04 Long 35-28