

# Remarks On Board The Ship *Houqua* Cruising

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1836

All these 24 hours fine steady breezes from the N.W. & W. & fine weather all sail set & Starboard tack a Board standing to the S.W. Saw nothing notable these 24 hours the two men that I have frequently mentioned of before are still on the sick list Latitude by Obs 35-18 Longitude by Chron at 2 P.M. 48-46 10 Bound to St. Pauls Island

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Day

All these 24 hours fine breezes from the West & N.W. & passing Clouds & overcasts standing to the S.W. the mast part of these 24 hours the first part hauled out the Blackfish that we caught Saturday Latitude 35-14 Longitude at 2 P.M. 35-15-10 East

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Day of September

R.M. Commences with fresh breezes from the N.W. & clear weather saw a good number of hump & finbacks middle part blowing heavy strong under double reefs port ship & stood to the North at 3 P.M. spoke the Brig *Richardson* of Philadelphia from London bound to Calcutta 72 Days from London these 24 hours ends with steady breezes from the N.W. & good weather standing to the N.W. hauled 3 sails & courses set Latitude 35-11 Longitude at 1-50 P.M. 54-58-50

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Day of September

The first part of these 24 hours fine breezes & passing middle & later part strong breezes & some squally standing to the S.W. at 10 P.M. took in Mainsail & gib the wind from the west later part overcast the Mainsail to repair it Longitude at 2 P.M. 44-12 8 P.M. 45-10

# In The Ship *Indian Ocean* For Whales C.P. Mackay

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Day of September

R.M. Commences with strong gails from the S.W. & passing Clouds at 5 P.M. took in fore & main topsails were ship & clove reefed M.S. sail & headed to the westward later part more moderate bent the M.S. sail & turned the reefs out the topsails these 24 hours ends from the with fresh breezes from the S.W. & some Cloudy on the wind with our Starboard tacks aboard saw a good number of finbacks & Sulphur Bottom whales

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

The first & middle part of these 24 hours light winds from the S.W. to East & Cloudy weather later part the wind from the North & Cloudy weather steering S.W. at 6 P.M. hauled, raised three right whale at 7 hauled for them struck one & skinned him as soon as we struck him the others cleared out the way & took him along side & got him half cut in by 12 meridian I judge him to be a hundred lb whale Lat Obs 34-39

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

The first & middle part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from the North & Cloudy weather & some wet later part strong winds clear with flying Clouds the first part finished cutting in the whale at 4 P.M. started the try works so ends these 24 hours all hands employed in hailing out except bar & on the sick list &c. the first part heading to the westward later to the N.W. & E Longitude at 2 P.M. 82-57-30

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Day of September

All these 24 hours strong gails first part from the North & clear middle part Cloudy squally & showers of rain ends with passing Clouds heading to the South & West first & middle part heading to the N.W. first under easy sail at 4 P.M. finished hailing & 6 P.M. down turned up about 9 P.M. so ends these 24 hours all hands employed in hailing down

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

All the 24 hours strong gails from the West & squally attended with light showers of rain heading to the S.W. under easy sail & a bad sea on Lat 35-06 Longitude at 2 P.M. 82-31