

~~April 14th 1854~~ April 14th 1854

A fine day with trades light. The large bearing N. about 50 miles. The *Venedot* has been in sight all day but quite distant to leeward.

April 20th

Continued pleasant. During the afternoon saw a white water but could not make it out and also a sail bound evidently to the island.

April 21st

No change. Took in light sails to night Lat 16° 18' Long.

April 22nd

This morning made a sail and spoke her at 10 o'clock proved to be the bark *Seaflower* Capt. Cudworth from New Bedford. She has 400 bbls. Sperm on board and has sent home 100 As 10 months out. During the day saw several others sails Lat 16° 17'

April 24th

Since the 22nd we have had good weather and light winds but have seen nothing. This forenoon spoke bark *Heathman* Capt. Allen from New Bedford. She is now 23 mos. out with 1300 and boiling. Just at night porpoises came round but our attempts to take one were fruitless Lat 16° 05' Long. 4° 03'

April 30.

No wind and weather no change. St. Helena at 10 A.M. bearing N. 20 miles. Towards night made a sail standing for the island.

May 1.

A calm and warm day. Island bearing E. 20 miles. Saw Porpoises.

May 2.

During the night light airs but calm again to-day. To night island bears E. N. E. about 40 miles.

May 3.

A very heavy swell on but good weather. At just before sunset raised Sperm whales and lowered away for them but owing to the lateness of the hour could not give them a fair trial. When we got on board porpoises came along a large school but they didn't play round us.

May 12.

It is just 9 days since I wrote last and during that time we have had considerable bad weather and some rain. Several sails have also been seen.

To day we have lowered again for whales chased them nearly half the day and finally the boats returned to the bark without success.

Are we always to be thus unfortunate? Will the whales never slacken their speed for us