Ship Rachel Cowland

Friday Septr 8th 1837 These 24 hours light winds and pleasant weather working to windward under all drawing sail, the ship Taunton in sight, saw fin backs, watches employed mating and greasing block strops making them fine &c

Lat by Obs 4°22' South

Long by Chronometer 104°10' We

Saturday Septr 9th Begins with light winds and pleasant weather - middle part squally with frequent showers of rain latter part clear fall running off W.S.W. at meridian saw a ship to the leward of us ran for her

Lat by Obs 5°40' S

Sunday Septr 10th strong winds and clear weather at 2 P.M. spoke Ship Lancashire Smyth of Fairhaven 14 months out 400 bls at 6 P.M. reeved the main course and hauled up W.S.W. at day light in the morning wore ship made sail and stood South saw squid in plenty a good sign

Lat by Obs 5°26' South

Long 105°00' West

Ship R. Cowland 2500 bls sperm oil

Proceeding for whale off Shore in 1837

Monday Septr 11th 1837

Fresh breezes and clear all ran North watch - all sail at meridian spoke ship Minerva Smyth Brownell 500 bls 12 m out they were boiling on 80 bl whale

Lat by Obs 6°00' South

Long 106°00' West

Tuesday September 12th

Commences with fine whale weather steering South in company with Ship M.C. at 7 P.M. tacked North P.M. saw 3 ships at meridian spoke Ship Alexander Coffin, of Nantucket 18 m out 200 bls

Lat C. 2C. South

Wednesday September 13th These 24 hours light winds and clear working to windward under easy sail P.M. in company with Ship D.C. no whales

Lat by Obs 6°13

Thursday Septr 14th Beautifull weather all C top Gallantsails out working to the windward nothing in sight

Or Arabia's desert sands
The patient camel walks:
Mark lonesome caves and rocky lands
The fell hyena stalks.
Or her cool and shady hills
Coffee-shrubs and tamarinds grow
Crystal springs fall the welcome rills
Down the fruitfull dells below.

Lat 6°00' South