

Bark. John A. Robb. Cruising on New Holland

Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

This day comes in with fresh breeze from S.W. Steering to the S.E. by the wind middle and latter part quite moderate. Saw a good many fur seals about the main top gall. sail and repaired it. Saw two Sails, & tota. Steering to the Westward ends with fresh breeze  
Lat 23.05 Long 107.00

Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

This day comes in with fresh breeze from S.W. the Bark steering to W.N.W. two vessels in sight steering to the Westward. the Watch employed scraping and painting Iron Work. Saw furbacks.  
Lat 23.03 Long 108.07

Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

This day comes in with fresh breeze and rough sea. The Bark standing to the S.W. at 1 P.M. bore round to the Eastward. Middle and latter part squally. Employed scraping and painting. Saw a few birds for the waist boat 2. much Marilla. one man off duty Sick  
Lat 23.44 Long 107.54

Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1858

Independence day comes in with squally weather and rough sea. the Bark steering S.W. in search of the means of celebrating the day. there is plenty of furbacks and other small fry in sight. but no sperm Whales. perhaps we will have better luck tomorrow. that being the day they celebrate at home.  
Lat 23.18 Long 107.50

Monday July 5<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with strong breeze & squally weather the Bark on the Eastern tack at sunset wore ship to the Westward middle and latter part much the same. Saw plenty of furbacks & Sulphur Bottoms. passed a large Ship showing Dutch colors  
Lat 23.18 Long 107.35

Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>

This day comes in with fresh breeze and squally weather the Bark standing to the Eastward by the wind. Saw plenty of furbacks shot me with a Bomb Lance and lowered two Boats and tried to fasten to him but could not succeed. latter part employed scraping ship inside a job that has not been done before since she has been whaling. to judge by the different colors that  
Lat 23.00 Long 112.00  
by G.R.

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Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1858

Comes in with strong S.E. winds & squally weather the Bark standing to the Eastward under double reef. middle and latter part much the same. Saw a great number of furbacks. Employed scraping inside getting ready to paint. Ends with squally weather  
Lat 23.18 Long 107.57

Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>

This day comes in with fresh breeze and squally weather the Bark standing to the Eastward. at sunset backed ship to the S.W. middle part more moderate. latter part standing to the Eastward. saw furbacks, and plenty of birds but no Whales. the watch employed scraping ship inside  
Lat 23.44 Long 107.56

Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fresh breeze from S.E. the Bark standing to the Eastward middle part moderate. latter part fresh breeze and squally at 10 o'clock spoke the Ship Congress, and with fine weather, the watch employed scraping ship inside. saw furbacks.  
Lat 23.23 Long 108.51

Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>

This day comes in with fresh breeze and squally weather the Ship standing to the Eastward in company with the Ship Congress. middle part moderate the watch employed repaired the old Bark. scraping and planing the inside work and trying to improve her appearance some  
Lat 23.40 Long 109.00

Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>

This day comes in with fresh breeze from N.W. the Bark on the Eastern tack middle and latter part steering off sea. Saw one or two furbacks and some sunfish Breaching. ends with strong breeze & cloudy weather  
Lat 24.40 Long 110.52

Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>

This day comes in with strong breeze from N.W. the Bark steering E.S.E. middle and latter part wind from the S.W. steering East. Saw some furbacks and porpoises. the watch employed scraping ship inside.  
Lat 25.00 Long 112.00  
by G.R.