

Bark. John A. Robb. Cruising off Rowley Shoal

Tuesday Oct 26th 1838

This day comes in with fine weather and light breezes from South West the Bark steering to the E. N. E. Middle part the same. latter part the Wind from S. E. Saw porpoises, and something brushing five miles off but could not get to it. Ends with light breeze.

Lat 18.43 Long 117.23

Wednesday Oct 27th

All this day fine weather and light breezes from South the Bark steering to the S. E. Middle part nearly calm latter part a good breeze at 11 A.M. saw Rowley Shoal bearing East 12 miles. at noon went on with two Boats to try to find some turtles. but had hard luck and got, not any

Lat 17.26 Long 118.49

Thursday Oct 28th

Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from S. E. the Bark steering S. W. Middle part moderate. latter part fine breeze and smooth water. Saw porpoises, but over the ship was as if we had the plague on board. this day is getting to be a joke, it is almost 3 months now since we saw the face of a sperm whale. May the Lord send us some soon for we are tired. heartily tired of waiting.

Lat 16.00 Long 117.55

Friday Oct 29th

Comes in with fine weather and moderate breezes from S. W. the Bark steering S. W. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw porpoises and finbacks.

Lat 15.00 Long 117.55 E

Saturday Oct 30th

Comes in with fine weather and light trades. The Bark steering S. E. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw finbacks & Sulphur bottoms, porpoises, & other small fish.

Lat 13.56 Long 116.33

Sunday Oct 31st

Comes in with light trade winds. The Bark steering by the wind to the S. W. Middle and latter part much the same. saw nothing.

Lat 12.53 Long 117.30

Bark. John A. Robb Cruising in Lat 12.53 Long 112.5

Monday November 1st 1838

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate breezes from S. W. the Bark standing by the wind to the Westward saw finback and porpoises, Transpuses and other small fish.

Lat 11.43 Long 116.30 E

Tuesday Nov 2^d

all this day fine weather and moderate breezes from S. W. steering by the wind to the Westward saw nothing of any consequence. Employed to work fitting rigging, overhauling blocks & thermal other jobs. Ends with fine weather.

Lat 11.32 Long 113.31 E

Wednesday Nov 3^d

Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from S. W. the Bark steering to the Westward by the wind. Saw plenty of finbacks, Transpuses, and porpoises. Employed working on rigging fitting foot ropes, lifts, &c. fitted the fore stay, and set it up over the Mast.

Lat 12.16 Long 112.36

Thursday Nov 4th

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from the Southward. the Bark standing to the Eastward. middle and latter part steering to the S. W. saw nothing but finbacks and porpoises. Employed to work fitting rigging, foot ropes & lifts, overhauling blocks, &c.

Lat 13.05 Long 112.36

Friday Nov 5th

This day comes in with fresh trades. the Bark standing to the S. W. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw finback at 4 P.M. spoke Bark Ellen of Edgartown. Ends with fine weather.

Lat 13.10 Long 112.00

Saturday Nov 6th

Comes in with fine weather and moderate breezes. the Bark steering to the Eastward. Saw a Bark on the opposite tack. Middle part light trades. Ends with strong breeze. Saw no fish of any kind.

Lat 11.03 Long 118.20