

Bark John A. Robb. Cruising for Whales in Lat 12°

Sunday Dec 12th 1858

All this day fine weather and moderate breeze from South. the Bark Steering to the Westward. Saw porpoises, at midnight commenced hoisting, the Bark Ellen in sight Steering to the Eastward.

Monday December 13th

Comes in with fine weather and light breeze from South. the Bark Steering N.W. the watch Employed Hoisting oil. Saw porpoises, the Ellen in sight to the Eastward.

Lat 113.16 Long 113.59

Tuesday December 14th

This day comes in with fine weather & moderate breeze from S.W. the Bark Steering to the Eastward Middle and latter part Steering by the wind to the S.W. all hands Employed Steering oil in the fore hold. Saw nothing.

Lat 113.05 Long 113.12

Wednesday December 15th

This day comes in with fine weather and light breeze the Bark Steering to the Eastward. Saw plenty of porpoises but no Whales. So cold with fine weather as usual.

Lat 113.20 Long 113.09

Thursday December 16th

Comes in with fine weather & light breeze from S.E. the Bark Steering by the wind to the E.N.E. Middle & latter part much the same, Saw nothing.

Lat 112.55 Long 113.19

Friday Dec 17th

Comes in with fine weather and light breeze the Bark Steering to the Westward by the wind at daylight Steering off N.W. Saw nothing. Employed turning in the main topmast bar ketch, making of spungy.

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Saturday Dec 18th 1858

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from S.E. the Bark Steering to the Westward. Saw nothing but porpoises Employed making spungy yarn.

Lat 112.49 Long 111.45

Sunday Dec 19th

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from S.W. the Bark Steering by the wind to the Eastward middle and latter part much the same. Saw nothing but porpoises.

Lat 112.41 Long 111.48

Monday Dec 20th

Comes in with fine weather and light winds the Bark Steering to the Westward Middle and latter part much the same. Saw nothing Employed making Sennet.

Lat 113.55 Long 112.12

Tuesday Dec 21st

Comes in with fine weather and light breeze from S.W. the Bark Steering to the N.E. Middle part playing with m. h. sail aback. Saw plenty of porpoises, caught one.

Lat 113.08 Long 113.48

Wednesday Dec 22nd

Comes in with fine weather and light breeze from S.W. Steering to the W.N.W. Middle & latter part much the same. Saw nothing.

Lat 113.08 Long 112.49

Thursday Dec 23rd

All this day fine weather and light breeze from S.E. Middle and latter part nearly calm. Saw plenty of porpoises and other small fry. Employed working on rigging.

Lat 112.20 Long 112.29