

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

Friday Dec 24th 1858

Came in with fine weather and light baffling winds from S.W. the Bark steering S.W. Middle & latter part nearly calm. Saw nothing but small fry. Such as porpoises & Grampuses. Were employed working on the rigging.

Lat 12.14 Long 112.01

Saturday Dec 25th

Christmas day as usual. Came in with light air from the S.W. and occasional rain squalls. Saw lots of porpoises & Grampuses but not a single Whale. Employed breaking out for water. Saw a Bark to the S.W.

Lat 12.20 Long 112.29

Sunday

Saturday Dec 26th

all this day. Came in with fine weather and light breeze from S.E. Middle part calm. latter part light breeze. Saw a small whale. We thought was a sperm whale. but it died away. Calm and could not get to them. a Bark in sight steering to the Westward.

Lat 12.21 Long 112.25

Monday Dec 27th

First and middle part Calm. latter part light breeze from S.E. the Bark steering by the wind to the S.W. saw nothing of the whale. a Bark in sight steering to the westward, supposed to be a Merchantman. the watch employed working on the rigging.

Lat 12.39 Long by Chron 112.34
Lunar day 112.29

Tuesday Dec 28th

This day came in with fine weather and light breeze from S.E. steering by the wind to the Eastward. Middle & latter part quite a good breeze. Saw nothing. Employed felling the fore rigging. rearing new lanyards.

Lat 12.26 Long 111.15

Wednesday Dec 29th

Came in with fine weather and light breeze from S.E. the Bark steering to the S.W. Middle & latter part much the same. Saw nothing. the watch employed working on rigging made a new mast coat for the Mizen Mast.

Lat Long

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Thursday Dec 30th 1858

This day Came in with fine weather & light breeze from S.E. steering by the wind to the Eastward. Middle part light breeze. latter part saw porpoises & caught three. the watch employed working on the fore rigging.

Lat 12.29 Long 112.22 E

Friday Dec 31st

The last day of this year. Came in with fresh breeze from S.E. and quite a rough sea for this part of the world. we have seen nothing but finbacks & the small fry. so and this year. We have taken 325 of sperm & 100 of Whale. Since this time last December. We have slain a good many Whales, but some of them very poor. I am in hopes that next year we shall be able to give a better account of ourselves.

Lat 12.11 Long 111.13

Saturday January 1st 1859

Two years day. Came in with fresh breeze from S.W. the Bark steering by the wind to the Eastward. Saw nothing of any consequence. Employed making sperm yarn. working on rigging.

Lat 12.53 Long 111.21 E

Sunday Jan 2^d

This day came in with fresh breeze and heavy swell from the Southward. the Bark on the Eastern tack. Middle & latter part more moderate. Saw nothing. latter part steering to the Eastward.

Lat 13.12 Long 11.41

Monday Jan 3^d

Came in with good whelbail breeze from S.W. the Bark on the Eastern tack. Middle & latter part much calm. Saw nothing. the watch employed making sperm yarn. seizing off the fore rigging & sundry other work. ends with light breeze from S.W.

Tuesday Jan 4th

Three twenty four hours fine weather and light breeze from the S.W. the Bark steering by the Eastward. Saw a large ship a Merchantman bound S.W. with all sail set. the watch employed working on rigging.