

Bark John A. Robb. Cruising for Whales in Lat 16° South

Monday Jan 17th 1859

Commenced with light breeze from S.E. the Bark standing N.E. passed a vessel steering to the North. Saw porpoises & 1 finback. The watch employed rattling down the fore rigging.

Lat 16° 32' Long 114° 40'

Tuesday Jan 18th

This day light breeze from the Westward. Steering N.E. saw no fish. Employed working on the rigging. Making water &c. Ends with a calm.

Lat 16° 23' Long 115° 25'

Wednesday Jan 19th

all these twenty four hours light breezes with passing rain squalls. Steering to the Eastward. Saw porpoises and caught one large one. The watch employed making Sennet. Setting up the main rigging. Bark stays.

Lat 16° 06' Long 115° 53'

Thursday Jan 20th

Comes in with light breeze from the Westward. the Bark standing to the N.E. Middle part calm. Latter part light. Whistly winds. The watch employed setting up the main rigging.

Lat 16° 44' Long 117° 04'

Friday Jan 21st

This day Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from the West. Steering to the S.E. Middle & latter part steering by the wind to the North. Ends with fresh breeze. Saw nothing.

Lat 16° 57' Long 117° 25'

Saturday Jan 22^d

These twenty four hours fresh gales from N.W. the Bark under double reef heading to the S.W. latter part close reefed the top sails. Employed splitting the Vibs stay, repairing the Vibs & several other jobs.

Lat 16° 10' Long 116° 40'

Bark John A. Robb. Cruising off Sandal Wood Island

Sunday Jan 23rd 1859

Comes in with fresh gale from N.W. the Bark standing to the S.W. under double reef, and sometimes close reef with reefed foresail. Latter part a little more moderate. Saw nothing.

Monday Jan 24th

This day Comes in with quite a smart gale from N.W. the Bark standing to the North under close reefed top sails, & reefed foresail. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw nothing.

Lat 16° 19' Long 116° 32'

Tuesday Jan 25th

These twenty four hours fresh gale from N.W. at sunset backed ship heading S.W. by S. Latter part more moderate. Let the Vibs and mainsail and turned the reef out of the foresail. Saw nothing. The watch employed making Sennet, and doing a few jobs on the rigging.

Lat 16° 25' Long 116° 45'

Wednesday Jan 26th

Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from the Westward. the Bark standing by the wind to the Southward. Saw a school of porpoises. The watch employed working on the rigging.

Lat 16° 40' Long 115° 35'

Thursday Jan 27th

Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from N.W. the Bark standing to the S.W. Middle part moderate. Ends with light breeze from N.W. Saw porpoises. The watch employed rattling down lower rigging.

Lat 16° 50' Long 115° 45'

Friday Jan 28th

This day Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from N.W. the Bark standing to the N.W. by the wind Middle and latter part the wind light & baffling. Ends with fresh breeze. Saw nothing.

Lat 16° 20' Long 114° 59'