

Bark John A. Robb Cruising for Whales

Tuesday Oct 30th 1860

Came in with fine weather and moderate Breezes from S.E. Middle part much the same. Latter part Steaming off N.W. the Almira in Company. Saw no fish.

Wednesday Oct 31st

These twenty four hours pleasant weather and light trades the Bark Steaming N.W. Middle part Sailing about. Latter part Steaming to the Eastward Spoke Bark John Pope, 500 Sperm Ends with fine weather.

Thursday Nov 1st

These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate trades Steaming N.W. Saw finbacks and other small fry. Pumping. at 3 P.M. Spoke the Almira. Lat 19.07 Long 39.36

Friday Nov 2^d

Fine weather and moderate trade winds the Bark Steaming off N.W. Saw finbacks. Ends with fine weather. the Almira in Company

Saturday Nov 3^d

This day Comes in with Moderate trades and Clear weather the Bark Steaming N.W. for Mauritius, at 3 P.M. Saw the Land right ahead bearing N.E. 1/2 W. 30 miles

Sunday Nov 4th

First part fine weather and light Breezes from the Eastward Middle and latter part much the same. Saw several vessels at 10 A.M. anchored at Mauritius in 8 fathoms and furled the sails

Bark John A. Robb at Mauritius

Monday Nov 5th 1860

This day fine weather all hands Employed getting Wood and Water got off a small raft about 30 barrels, and stowed it away

Tuesday Nov 6th

This day Employed getting on board wood and Water and stowing it away.

Wednesday Nov 7th

This day Comes in with pleasant weather, the Bark Employed stowing away recruits. Potatoes yams and other things

Thursday Nov 8th

This day fine weather and light Breezes Employed getting on board recruits and stowing them away.

Friday Nov 9th

This day Comes in with fine weather and moderate Breezes the Bark all ready for sea. Employed getting the Main Stay

Saturday Nov 10th

Came in with fine weather and moderate Breezes the first part at 1 A.M. got under weigh Steaming to the Westward about 11. Saw a school of Sperm Whales going to the N.W. downed for them. the Starboard Boat struck and killed a small Whale and got him to the ship about noon. Mr. Morrison has shipped on board as 2^d Mate in the place of Mr. Eaton discharged. Mr. Chase has shipped 3^d Mate. Capt Baker has got well and Come on board. Wm. Stanton shipped as Seaman.

Sunday Nov 11th

Came in with moderate Breezes and fine weather the Bark heading in for the Island at 9 A.M. saw Whales going to the S.W. lowered three Boats. the Starboard Boat struck and saved a small Whale, and took him to the ship. the Waist Boat struck and cut the Whale running quick to windward. at noon the South End of Mauritius bearing E.S. 10 miles