

Coast of Peru Night

Aug 16th Begins with brisk breezes at S.E.
1831 In good weather cleared North with
all sail. Middle & Latter part stood
to the S.E. - saw finbacks as usual
So ends this day Lat 6° 59' Long 85° 10'

Aug 17th Begins with strong breezes at S.E.
1831 In cloudy weather stood to the eastward
in the wind. Middle & Latter part
wind to the same. Saw many blackfish
So ends this day Lat 6° 30' Long 85° 30'

Aug 18th Begins with strong winds at S.E.
1831 In cloudy weather cleared to the Eastward
at 5 P.M. spoke ships or boats President
to Minerva both of New Bedford
wanting two hundred barrels
M. 400 do - Middle part wind
to weather much the same stood off
shore part of the night
Latter part more moderate stood to
the Eastward - saw many blackfish
in water green
So ends this day Lat 6° 15' Long 82° 50'

Aug 19th Begins with brisk breezes In cloudy
1831 weather stood to the Eastward
Middle part moderate stood off shore
6 hours Latter part strong winds with
fog some fog saw sperm whales
going fast to windward
put off with two boats. Could not
come up with them - to ships in sight
So ends this day Lat 6° 16' Long 82° 10'

by Henry Cleveland ship Leonidas

Aug 20th First part strong winds at S.E. 1831
Very rough weather at 4 P.M. backed
off shore - at 6 spoke bark President
at 10 backed to the Eastward under short sail
Latter part strong winds saw many
saw finbacks
So ends this day Lat 6° 12' Long 81° 25'

Aug 21st First part strong winds at S.E. 1831
weather stood to the Eastward
Middle part stood off shore 6 hours
Latter part stood to the Eastward
at 3 P.M. saw sperm whales put
off got one small one
So ends this day Lat 6° 22' Long 81° 40'

Aug 22nd First part strong winds at South 1831
cloudy - cut in the whales
to made sail - saw bark President
with signal for whales run off for
her at 3 P.M. saw the whales going
quick to leeward put off with two boats
Could not come up with them
Presidents boats struck one
Middle & Latter part strong gales
to very rough at 9 P.M. spoke bark
Minerva told us he had spoken ship
 cheaper night before with 1000 barrels
oil Capt Coffin had been dead
four months

at 2 A.M. began to boil
at the Meridian then whales close
to the ship down boats struck two
to parted the lines took the boats up
So ends this day Lat 6° 22' Long 81° 50'