

Ship Leonidas Cruising of Port George

Saturday 12th of May 1838

All these 24 hours strong winds & squally weather attended with rare thunder & lightning under short sail larboard tack aboard at 8 P.M. Saw 4 spots supposed it to be 4 finbacks at 8 A.M. Saw the land Latitude by Obs 25° 21' Longitude at 2 P.M. 47° 27'

Sunday 13th first part strong breezes from S.W. & passing Clouds at 4 P.M. wore ship & took in sail 5 miles from the land headed of shore at 5 A.M. wore ship at Daylight made all sail stood in for the land with a light & steady breeze from N.W. clear & pleasant the sea smooth saw 4 Brig of our longitude 11 miles Dist Standing in at 9 A.M. Tacked ship 4 miles from land saw a white flag on Fort Dauphin so ends these 24 hours light & fine winds & pleasant weather as we get at home with our officer & boatster & 4 foremast-hand aloft & nothing to be seen hard luck

Latitude 25° 15' Long at 2 P.M. Merid 27° 21'

Monday 14th first part light breezes from South clear & pleasant weather middle & later part from E.S.E. & fine weather later part saw 2 whales called them Sulphur balams Latitude 25° 46' Longitude 27° 10'

Tuesday 15th first part lively breezes from E.S.E. & passing Clouds at 5 tacked ship to S.S.E. middle part strong breezes under easy sail of heavy swell from S.W. later part fresh breezes & fine saw several whale Sulphur balams & hump backs saw 4 Merchant ship steering to the westward there is a very strong current setting to the S.W.

Latitude 26° 21' Longitude at 2 P.M. 48° 52'

Wednesday 16th first part fresh breezes from East with passing Clouds at 5 P.M. saw 2 sperm whale all 3 boats out saw them no more middle & later part fresh gails & fair at 11 P.M. wore ship 6 miles from land under double reef Longitude at 1 P.M. 48° 33'

For Sperm Whale H. V. Stuart Command

Thursday 17th of May 1838

first & middle part strong gails from East to E.S.E. standing to the S.E. under short sail later part more moderate at 7 A.M. raised a large sperm whale of the sea been hoard pulled up along side & did not passen Chaste to windward did not see them out of the bowles saw two from the ship to windward ends with light breezes from N.W. & pleasant all sail set larboard Laboard Longitude at 2 P.M. 46° 57' E No land in sight Latitude 26° 47'

Friday 18th first part from N.W. middle part from S.W. later from S.W. saw nothing good lookout from Mastheads

Latitude 26° 36' Long at 2 P.M. 45° 50'

Saturday 19th All these 24 hours light breezes from South to E.S.E. & hazy weather standing to N.E. later part saw a large shoal of blackfish at 12 Merid tacked ship land in sight Latitude 25° 40' Long at 3 P.M. 46° 29'

Sunday 20th first & middle part of first 24 hours light & variable winds hazy Cloudy & some rain & lightning wind from East to South ends with fresh breezes from South & Cloudy Dirty weather standing to the Eastward under half 3 sails first part hoard for blackfish struck 2 saved none one came up under the Capt's boat & stone in two streaks later part saw great numbers of blackfish & Porpoises No Observation

Monday 21st first part fresh gails from S. South squally at 4 P.M. under Coast reefs middle & later part strong gails & misty Cloudy under Coast reef M. 3 sail & foresail at 6 P.M. kept of N.E. at 9 halled to the wind saw 4 ship of the weather been under short sail steering about West