

Ship Leonidas Cruising For Sperm^{whale}

Monday 4th of June 1838

All these 24 hours lively breezes from S.S.E. & pleasant weather with passing clouds at 12^{PM} L.M. took ship & stood in for the land in hopes the natives would fetch of some fruit at 3 A boat being near wore ship by about 2 miles from shore he paddled up to our stern with seven blacks in his only one with cloathes on he said that there was a frenchman ashore that put up keep in salt that he expected that our ship was from the Isle of France for salt keep but no fruit consist pull & stood of shortend sail at night later part stood in at 10 A.M. took off. Latitude Obs 24°08' Long at 8^{PM} A.M. 47°44' 1/2

Tuesday first & middle part fresh breezes from S.E. 5 good weather later part moderate blustering to the south saw nothing as usual hard hard hard South South South Latitude Obs 25°00' Land in sight Long 47°44'

Wednesday first part light S.E. breezes pleasant middle & later fresh breezes from East to E.S.E. passing clouds to ends hole 2 sails set saw several humpbacks Latitude Obs 25°45' Long at 2 P.M. 47°39'

Thursday first part fresh breezes from E.S.E. 14 passing clouds at 3 Double reef middle & later strong gale & fair under Coast raps at 12 middle part took ship to North saw humpbacks Latitude Obs 26°08' Long at 2 P.M. 47°21'

Friday first & middle parts strong gale from N.E. to E.S.E. & clear under 2 reefs 1st & 2nd sail full later part light westerly breezes fine weather steering N.E. saw several humpbacks Latitude Obs 26°08' Long at 3 P.M. 46°33'

Saturday All these 24 hours fine breezes from S.W. 19th & S.E. fine weather first part Course N.E. at 4 P.M. Steered East all sail set later part met hole saw several humpbacks Latitude

Of Fort Dauphin Madagascar

Sunday 10th of June

All these 24 hours lively breezes from S.S.E. to S.E. pleasant weather steering East at 3 P.M. Laid for a school of sperm whale struck & killed a sixth of whale sounded back the line & saw no more of him came board double reef 2 sails & worked to windward all night at 8 A.M. raised more large whale board struck & hauled went on board & called it uncommon hard luck so ends these 24 hours whales in sight Latitude 25°20' Long at 2 P.M. 48°20'

Monday first part of these 24 hours lively breezes from S.E. & fine weather at 2 board for a large whale struck killed took along side & called at sunset later part all hands employed in cutting in strong breezes rain thunder & lightning & rugged No observation

Tuesday first part strong breezes from E.S.E. & rainy at 3 clear sea rough finisht cutting the body secured the head wore ship to E.S.E. later part more moderate wore ship to south home in junk & laid case Latitude 26°10' Land in sight

Wednesday 2 P.M. Commences with strong East winds & clear all hands employed in cutting up & stowing away junk at 4 started the works middle part strong gale from S.E. to E.S.E. & clear later part more moderate wind at 3 P.M. set double reefs sea rough all hands employed in boiling & other goods at 6^{PM} L.M. A ship brot our stern just out of hail Latitude 26°10' Long at 3 P.M. 47°39'

Thursday first part fresh breezes from N.E. 14 passed middle part moderate later strong from N.E. clear Course N.E. under Double watch employed in boiling Latitude 25°29' A humpback to ends Long 48°21'