

Remarks on board Ship Leonidas

Friday November 20th 1840

First part strong breezes from WNW & flying Clouds Steered SE at sunset took in sail headed to south middle fresh breezes & squally later lively from SW

steered East no whales Latitude 35° 12'

Saturday 21st

All these 24 hours light breezes from SSW to south & light showers at intervals first part steered East later SSE but no whales this is discouraging twelve months to day since I bid farewell to all that is dear to me & set sail to leave the sweet shores of my native country for this long tedious & trying voyage

Latitude 35° 00'
Long at 3 P.M. 114° 45'

Sunday 22nd

First part fresh breezes from south steered SSE by the wind at sunset took in sail wore ship to SW middle some squally wind SSE later strong breezes from SE flying Clouds set double reefs steered North saw grampases at 9 halld up W at 12 Meridian saw the land Cape Leeuwin bearing N by E to ends all well

Latitude 34° 35'

Monday 23rd

First part fresh gales from SE & fair steered W at 1 P.M. lost reef of sails at 2 took in G & M of sails & reefed G sail at 3 wore ship to SW Cape Leeuwin bearing N by W Dist 20 miles by estimation at 6 full G sail strong gales & clear later more moderate at 7 wore ship to W & set C reefs wind East to ends under double reefs

Latitude 34° 57'
Long at 3 P.M. 114°

Cruising of W Coast of Holland

Tuesday Nov 24th

First part lively breezes from East to ESE & fine steered to WSE by the wind at sunset took in sail wore ship to south later strong breezes from East to WSE & flying Clouds steered to WSE by the wind at 8 P.M. Double reefed G sails so ends another Day & no whales to be seen this is hard & trying

Latitude 34° 18'

Wednesday 25th

First part of these 24 hours strong breezes from WSE to WNW & cloudy steered to WNW by the wind at sunset took in sail wore ship to WSE small breezes from WNW & fair middle & later small breezes all most around the hole Campass & calm weather fine saw a great number of grampases & fair weather but none of the gale Sparmafletty

Latitude 34° 24'

Thursday 26th

First part of these 24 hours small breezes from WSE & fair later hard gales from WNW to SW & showers at 8 P.M. wore ship took in Main G sail so ends

Latitude 34° 23'

Friday 27th

First part strong gales from SW & flying Clouds high middle moderate headed to WNW later moderate breezes & fair made all sail steered WNW a high swell from SW

Latitude 33° 49'

Saturday 28th

All these 24 hours lively breezes from SSW to SSE & fine weather first part steered WNW saw a shoal of large sperm whales lowered one boat's gun before sunset but did not get in sight of the whales took in sail later steered WSE supposed the whales to be going that course but our luck is not so good as to fall in with them

Latitude 32° 21'
Long at 3 P.M. 115° 21'