

On the Coast of California

no whales from the beach and saw no kelp, so I did not think it was a good place for whales, saw one whale from the ship, this island is in the latitude about 29, 45

Tuesday Decem 25th

Fresh wind from N.W. and good weather, steering to the S.E. of Natividad Island, then out side of Cerros Islands of the Strait, at 4 P.M. came in side of Natividad Island, saw 2 ships here to anchor, died away calm, saw a large gam of Devil fish going to the S.E. out side of the West of Natividad Island, at 6 P.M. came to anchor to the E.S.E. of Natividad Island

Wednesday Decem 26th

Fresh breeze from N.W. and fine weather and the Montezuma to anchor 2 miles off the main land, in 18 fathoms water, Natividad Island to the South and bearing N.W. distant 6 miles, ship New England here in company, 5 boats off whaling, saw 4 whales going South West, went out the good sails and bent all over, caught some fish

Thursday Decem 27th

Light N.W. wind and fine weather, Montezuma to anchor to the S.E. of Natividad Island, 4 boats off whaling, saw a few whales, they go well off from the point towards Natividad Island, I caught some fish, put a cutting fall on the Chace, ready for slipping, ship Electra came in here to anchor

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Friday Decem 28th

Fresh breeze from N.E. and cloudy weather, 4 boats off whaling, saw quite plenty of whales, I went down to Turtle Bay and got some Clams, 14 ships in turtle Bay & one Schooner, one whale taken down there, the Barque Phillip first come here to anchor

Saturday Decem 29th

Fresh breeze from N.E. and cloudy weather, 4 boats off whaling, saw quite plenty of whales, at 10 A.M. I returned from turtle Bay with a boat load of Clams, I went onboard the New England

Sunday Decem 30th

Strong winds from N.E. and hazy weather, Montezuma to anchor to the S.E. of Natividad Island, in 18 fathoms water, 5 boats off whaling, latter part of the day saw quite plenty of whales in the kelp, Sarah Macfarlin slipped and run around to the S. of the point

Monday Decem 31st

Strong wind from N.E. and fine weather, 5 boats off whaling, saw quite plenty of whales going South, we got one & cut him in, the Electra got one, saw the Mail Steamer pass to day going North

Tuesday January 1st (1861)

Light wind from N.E. and fine weather, 4 boats off whaling, Bombed 2 whales did not catch them, saw few whale going S.E., Cleared up the Decks and started the men