

Ship Napoleon towards the Pacific Ocean

Thursday Feb 15th 1855

Commenced with fine breezes from the S.E. and pleasant weather. Yesterday we crossed the Line 27 Days from home, and was detained 2 Days by whales. We ought to be very thankful for our passage thus far. Although it has been rough it has been fair wind about all the time. Not being obliged to tack ship until we was 23 Days out, and not then but for whales. We sailed in a time that look very bad, with very prospect of a S.E. gale the first night out. but God had us in keeping.

Lat 2-53 Long 28-10

Friday Feb 16th 1855

Commenced with moderate trades from the S.E. One sail in sight steering the same as we are. Latter part fresh trades. At 6 P.M. finished and set our fresh water pump to going, and found that it worked well. all well but one man forward.

Lat 2-53 Long 28-10

Saturday Feb 17th 1855

Commenced with moderate trades. Steering by the wind too the S.E. wind. Middle and latter parts fresh trades at 11 1/2 P.M. parted the hook to the 5th Gibb gun. at 12 1/2. A fitted it and set the sail. Latter part employed boiling out for water. So ends

Lat 3-00 Long 28-50

Sunday Feb 18th 1855

Commenced with fresh trades. Steering by the wind too the S.E. at 6 P.M. washed off deck for the Sabbath. Latter part employed writing letters. So ends

Lat 3-42 Long 29-44

James A. Crowell Master

Monday Feb 19th 1855

Commenced with fresh trades at 1 P.M. saw sperm whales close to the ship, and called them black fish from aloft. The Capt and myself jumped up on the rail and saw at once that they was sperm whales. We lowered three boats at 3 1/2 the L Boat struck at 50 fathoms. At 5 1/2 the W Boat struck. The whale ran to the windward. at dark put from him spouting blood and came on board. at 8 1/2 set quarter watches for the night. at 9 called all hands and prepared for cutting. at 9 commenced cutting so ends

Lat 10-42 Long 30-04

Tuesday Feb 20th 1855

Commenced with moderate trades. Employed cutting and charing of the whale. at 5 finished and wore to the spout. at 8 A.M. started the fire so ends employed boiling

Lat 11-37 Long 30-15

Wednesday Feb 21th 1855

Commenced boiling the whale. saw several sails. Latter part the same. fresh trades steering by to the S.E. So ends

Lat 13-37 Long 30-15

Thursday Feb 22nd

Commenced with fresh trades from S.E. steering by to the S.E. Employed boiling. Latter part fresh trades and squally. at 12 M. Night finished boiling the whale So ends. O Dear I am home Lik.

Lat 15-53