

Coast of California

Remarks on board Tuesday December 7th 1830

14 months
out with
1300 lbs
of oil

All these 24 hours gentle breezes from S.W. with pleasant weather steering S.E. & E. finished mending sails
Latitude by Obs 20.53 Longitude by Lunar 108.10 West
Wednesday December 8th

First part moderate breezes from S.W. with pleasant weather at 11 p.m. wind veered to the S.W. & with fine breezes. Latter part fresh breezes from North steering S.E. & E. employed, baking up and coopersing oil, which I find to be very slack with some leakage
Latitude by Obs 19.13 Longitude by Obs 106.33 West
Thursday December 9th

First part fine breezes from S.W. steering S.E. & E. employed a cooperin oil. At 10 minutes before sundown, saw a whale 6 miles off, which I called a sperm whale, but night came on so soon I was not able to determine. Middle and latter part light breezes with pleasant weather.

Latitude by Obs 17.51 Longitude by Lunar 103
Friday December 10th

First part moderate breezes from the Northward steering E.S.E. At 3 p.m. saw the land 50 miles distant. Middle and latter part light airs and calm employed coopersing oil.

Latitude by Obs 17.29 Longitude by Lunar 104.18
Saturday December 11th

All these 24 hours light airs and calms with pleasant weather. Employed coopersing oil
Latitude by Obs 17.11 land in sight
Sunday December 12th

All these 24 hours light airs and calms, laying by a coopersing oil. Latitude by Obs 16.52 land in sight
Monday December 13th

All these 24 hours, calm with pleasant weather employed coopersing oil, in the main hatchway
Latitude by Obs 16.45 North
Tuesday December 14th

First & Middle part calm. Latter part light breezes in the A.P. employed a coopersing. Latitude 16.25 S

First part moderate breezes from E.S.E. with fair weather. Middle part moderate, and cloudy sharp lightning with distant thunder. Latter part fine breezes, though quite unpleasant for coopersing
Latitude by Obs 15.53 S Longitude by Obs West

Steering for the Western ground

Remarks on board Thursday December 16th

First & Middle part cloudy with moderate whole sail breezes latter part light airs from the eastward with fair weather. employed coopersing oil. Lat by Obs 15.28 Long 58.4

Friday December 17th

All these 24 hours light airs from the Eastward with pleasant, employed a coopersing.

Latitude by Obs 14.55 Long 58.4 W

Saturday December 18th

First part light breezes. At 3 p.m. finished coopersing the oil, stowed down 1305 barrels. Middle and latter part gentle breezes easterly with pleasant weather. saw a great many boobies and Man-of-war hawks and fish of most all kinds but sperm whale
Latitude by Obs 14.00 Longitude by Lunar 101.40 West

Sunday December 19th

All these 24 hours moderate trades with pleasant weather steering S.E. Lat 13.18 Long 101.45 West

Monday December 20th

All these 24 hours gentle trades with fair weather. got up the Royal-mast.

Latitude by Obs 12.27 Longitude 101.45 W

Tuesday December 21st

First part fine trades At 3 p.m. saw two sperm whales, 7 miles off on the weather bow, saw them but one rising I suppose they were going to the windward. Middle part moderate Latter part fine trades from E.S.E. see finbacks and porpoises Latitude by Obs 11.23 Long 101.54 West

Wednesday December 22nd

First part fresh trade with fair weather. steering by the wind heading S.E. & E. Middle part fresh breezes with hard showers of rain. Latter part moderate with fair weather. Latitude by Obs 9.21 Long 102.55 W

Friday December 23rd

All these 24 hours fresh trades with fair weather steering by the wind heading S.E. and S.E. with all sail set.

Latitude by Obs 8.18 South Longitude by Obs 100.00 West