

Western Ground

Remarks on board Friday December 24th 1830

Commenced fine trades with fair weather. At 3 p.m. saw two sperm whales close to the ship. the whales went down headed to the windward. lowered the boats and lay for the them to come up. and in an hour and a half after saw the same two whales then sailed to the forward of the ship. set the sails and went after them. and at 15 minutes before sundown made fast to one of them. and soon after made fast to the other and in a few minutes after. I should think there was a hundred whales converging in all directions by this time it was sundown. the shoal came to the fast whales and were so thick that we could not get near them. they parted the line from one of the whales and drew the iron from the other. we killed six with our lances. but it was too dark to keep the run of them. made fast to a small one after parting the line from the first one. and got her by killing her with iron. and at dark see one of the large whales turn up close to us. so that we saved two of them. At 8 in the evening got them made fast along side. Latter part fresh trades, cut in the whales. and made sail to work to windward. to see if we could find some of the other dead whales

Latitude by Obs 7.42 S. Long by lunar 99.19 West
Saturday December 25th

First part fine breezes steering on different courses but could see nothing of the dead whales through the night moderate with hard showers of rain steered on the northern tack till 3 in the morning then tacked to the south. Latter part fair weather with fine breeze. At noon finished boiling

Latitude by Obs 7.23 S. Long by Dr 99.00 W
Sunday December 26th

First & Middle part fine breezes from ESE and SE steering by the wind to the south.

Latter part moderate breezes from SSE and South. with hard rain thunder and lightning steering on the western tack

Latitude by Dr 5.00 S. Long by Dr 99.30 West

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Remarks on board Monday December 27th

First part light airs from SSE with rain Middle part at 10 cleared off pleasant with gentle breezes from ESE steering by the wind Latter part fine breezes with fair weather

Latitude by Obs 5.47 S. Long by Dr 100.00 W
Tuesday December 28th

First part fine breezes from ESE to SE steering to the South. Middle part moderate with squalls of rain. Latter part pleasant. At sunrise saw a shoal of going to the westward put off. made fast to one. the whale went down. and to prevent her from taking the line was obliged to hold on hard. which drew the iron. the whales came up and went off so quick that we could not overtake them chased them till 10 o'clock. then returned on board. Ends with light breezes

Latitude by Obs 4.35 S. Long by Dr 100.20 W
Wednesday December 29th

First part light breezes in the SE. At 5 p.m. saw whales a head eight miles off. suppose them to be sperm whales. but it was too late to go after them. Through the night lay under short sails. Latter part fine breezes from South. set all sail and steered to the Eastward

Latitude by Obs 4.06 S. Long by Dr 100.50 W
Thursday December 30th

First part fair weather wind South and SE steering on the Eastern tack. Middle part squally. Latter part light breezes with squalls of rain. At 9 p.m. saw sperm whales on the weather bow four miles off. wind being light. lowered the boats and went after them. I went till I judged 8 12 miles from the ship. without seeing the whales going up the chase. At noon returned. the whales were going quick to the windward. Lat 3.55 S. Long 100.05 W

Friday December 31st

All these 24 hours light airs and calm. with squalls of rain. On the Latter part. At 9 saw a shoal of whales off the bow. put off and got two. At noon took them along side. ends light breezes with squalls of rain. Lat by Dr 4.00 S. Long by Dr 100.20 West