

Western Ground
Remarks on board Tuesday January 18th 1831

All these 24 hours moderate trades with pleasant weather. On the latter part commenced stowing down the oil. Latitude by Obs 29 miles South Long by Obs 107:10

Wednesday January 19th

All these 24 hours moderate trades in the P.M. with fair weather. Staring in several courses, but could nothing but porpoises. They have been very plenty for several days past. Still employed stowing down oil, and cooping the salt provisions

Latitude by Obs 55 miles South. Long by Obs 108:00

Thursday January 20th

First part gentle trades with fair weather. Steered West. at 4 p.m. finished stowing down. through the night by the wind backed to the S.W. wind. S.P.C. Latter part fine breezes stowing by the wind to the South. see finbacks. Latitude 1:42 S. Long by lunar 109:25

Friday January 21st

All these 24 hours fine breezes, stowing S.W. S.W. and South. see finbacks and porpoises. (Sperm Whales are out of the question) It does not look as tho, there ever was any here. Lat 1:22 S. Long 110:00

Saturday January 22nd

All these 24 hours moderate trades with cloudy weather. took off the main top sail and repaired it. see finbacks and porpoises.

Latitude by Obs 1:38 S. Longitude by Obs 110:40 W

Sunday January 23rd

First and middle part equally with the fresh trades stowing to the North. Latter part fine weather. At 11 A.M. saw a shoal of whales. put off and made fast to two. Lat 1:00 S. Long 110:50 West

Monday January 24th

Still fair weather. the whales kept going round and round, and so quick that it was very difficult keeping up with them. but we succeeded after a long chase, in getting ^{with the top of a line} ~~with the top of a line~~ ^{at 5 p.m.} ~~at 5 p.m.~~ got them along side. At 7 finished cutting one of them. then got dinner. (quality hours) through the night and latter part strong trades cut in the whales and began to hail.

Latitude by Obs 40 miles South. Long 111:00 West



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Remarks on board Tuesday January 25th

First part cloudy weather with moderate trades. Middle part light baffling winds with rain. Latter part cloudy weather. with moderate breezes. Latitude by Obs 29 miles South Long by Obs 110:50 W

Wednesday January 26th

First part of these 24 hours moderate trades with cloudy weather. see finbacks and porpoises. Middle part equally with fresh trades. At 3 P.M. finished boiling. Latter part strong trades and cloudy. double reefed the top sails. Latitude by Obs 40 miles S. Long 110:50 W

Thursday January 27th

First & middle part fresh trades stowing to the South. Latter part fine trades with pleasant weather. Steered S.W. Latitude by Obs 1 mile South. Long 111:00 W

Friday January 28th

First part fine trades with fair weather. Steered W.S.W. Middle & latter part very pleasant. Steered by the wind to the South. see a great many porpoises. Employed stowing down oil. Lat 37 miles S. Long 111:50

Saturday January 29th

All these 24 hours moderate breezes with very pleasant weather. stowing a zig zag course to the west ward. see finbacks and porpoises. on the first part finished stowing down the oil. Lat 41 miles S. Long 112:30

Sunday January 30th

All these 24 hours moderate trades with pleasant weather. on the latter part saw breaches to the northward. Steered four hours towards them but could not see them again. Lat 41 miles S. Long 113:40

Monday January 31st

First and latter part fine pleasant weather. Middle part moderate with squalls of rain. Steered by the wind to the S. Lat 38 miles S. Long 114:40

Tuesday February 1st

All these 24 hours fresh trades with fair weather. Steered by the wind to the South. see one shoal of blackfish.

Latitude by Obs 1:11 South Long by Obs 115:50 West