



Coast of Japan

Remarks on board Thursday May 26th 1831

Still pleasant weather wind S.E. steering to the North at 3 p.m. saw a shoal of sperm whales, after a long chase succeeded in getting one. I never in all my whaling, saw whales so wild. At 2 p.m. 5 p.m. got the whale along side. At 9 in the evening finished cutting. Middle part calm. Latter gentle breeze from S.E. steering on the Northern tack. At daylight commenced boiling.
Latitude by Obs 30.17 North Long by Ac 169.00 East

Friday May 27th

Commenced with moderate breeze from S.E. steering to the North at 3 p.m. saw three sperm whales off the lee coming quick to windward, lowered the boats and chased them till sundown, some times they would let us get within two or three fathoms of them but they were so wild they would not let us come any nearer. At dark got on board. through the light calm. Latter part light breeze in the S.E. steering on the Northern tack. Lat 29.53 Long 168.50

Saturday May 28th

Fresh and Middle light breeze from the Eastward with thick weather. Latter part light air from the westward with pleasant weather see porpoises. Latitude 29.53 Long by Ac 168.30

Sunday May 29th

Commenced with light breeze from the westward, see fin backs and porpoises. Middle part squally with fresh breeze. Latter part light air and calm two ships in sight to the North. Lat 30.03 Long 168.10

Monday May 30th

Commenced with fine breeze from S.W. and cloud. At 3 p.m. spoke the Ship Howard, Capt P. Brock 32 months out with 1600 bbls. It is now within a few days of ten months since I spoke with her on this Coast with 1500 bbls. since that time we have taken 300 bbls of oil, and they but one hundred. I went on board and passed the afternoon, while on board saw a pod of whales going very quick to windward, lowered the boats and went after them, but soon give up the chase as they were going three times as fast a boat could row. Middle and Latter part fresh breeze from West. Latitude by Obs 30.63 North. Long 168.00

Tuesday May 31st

Fresh part fresh breeze and squally. Middle part moderate. At 4 p.m. calm. At 5 p.m. light breeze in the S.W. inclining to breeze. Ends strong breeze with thick rainy weather. Latitude by Obs 29.55 Long 167.50

Coast of Japan

Remarks on board Wednesday June 1st

Commenced fresh gales from S.W. with rain. At 4 p.m. close reefed the main top sail and hove too. Middle part more moderate, wind veered to S.W. and cleared off. Latter part fresh breeze with fair weather. saw a Ship to windward steering to the South. At 8 p.m. took a lunar observation which gave the Longitude 167.50 East. At 10 were Ship and steered S.E. Ends with pleasant weather. Latitude by Obs 29.32

Thursday June 2nd

Fresh part fine breeze. At noon steered S.E. at 3 p.m. passed the Ship Howard steering to the South. Middle part light breeze from S.W. Latter part moderate from North steering to the Eastward. At 10 p.m. a Negro fell from the fore top mast backstay, where he was at work, a high up in the fore yard. He must probably would have been killed had he not broke his fall by striking head first on the masts (Mr Brown's) back, who happened to be under him, at the time giving orders to a nether man at the mast head. The Negro was not hurt in the least, the mate was very much at the time, but before noon he was much better, so that I think it will not lay him up long. Latitude by Obs 29.59 North Longitude by Lunar 168.30 East

Friday June 3rd

Fresh part fine breeze from S.W. steering S.E. Middle part light air and calm. Latter part fine breeze from S.W. steering S.E. see porpoises and fin backs. Blackfish and killers. At 11 p.m. saw a Ship to the South, steering towards us. Lat by Obs 29.47 North. Long by Lunar 169.19 East

Saturday June 4th

Fresh part light breeze from the westward. At 3 p.m. spoke the Ship Japan, 23 months out, with 1750 bbls. Capt Lincoln came on board and passed the afternoon. Middle & Latter part fine pleasant weather. Latitude 29.58 North Long by Lunar 170.30 East

Sunday June 5th

Pleasant weather. At 1 p.m. the Japan off our lee saw a pod of large whales, she being 8 miles off. had the first canner, then got two, before I could get their the other whales went off. I continued chasing, and at 5 p.m. made fast to one, she went down and took the line before the other boats could get to me when she came up she went off with the other whales