

Coast of Japan

Remarks on board Sunday July 10th 1831

First part fresh and squally, steering to the N.W. by W. wind S.W. Middle part more moderate with rain. Latter part fine breezes in the P.M. set all sail and set in track to the S.W. by S. passed the carcass of a whale, which is the nearest to a sperm whale we have seen for twenty one day, which is the longest that ever was to going an Japan especially at this season of the year, and now it has no more appearance of Whales than it has in Wanchick harbour.

Latitude by Obs 30:58 Longitude by Obs 164:40 East

Monday July 11th

First part moderate breezes from S.W. with pleasant weather steering to the South Middle part calm latter part fine breezes S.W. steering by the wind to the westward, saw a sail off the lee steering to the South employed regarding with Lat 30:51 Longitude 164:20 East

Tuesday July 12th

Light breezes from S.W. with pleasant weather, steering to the westward, we perceived, at sundown took to the South. At 10 p.m. took again to the westward.

Latitude by Obs 31:10 Longitude by Obs 164:00 East

Wednesday July 13th

First part light breezes from S.W. steering westward employed taking the bread from the lower hold cooping and putting it between decks. At sundown saw a whale ahead 5 miles off, which looked some like a sperm whale, but it was too late to see her good plain enough to tell what she was, Middle part light breezes, latter part fine breezes from S.W. At 7 A.M. saw a dead whale off the lee, run off to her, to see if she was good, but found her too far gone to cut, saw a dead Man-of-war hawk flying on the whale, Lat 31:15 Long 163:05 E

Thursday July 14th

Fine breezes with fair weather, at 1 p.m. saw sperm whale going to the N.E. at 2 p.m. off and got one, at 3 p.m. her a long side, at sundown finished cutting the body, latter part at day light began on the head. At 6 A.M. saw a large whale all five miles off the lee going to the Eastward, at 7 finished cutting, set all sail and steered for the whale, which was then out of sight, at half past 11 A.M. saw her again 7 miles off Latitude by Obs 31:24 Longitude by Lunar 163:59 East

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Remarks on board Friday July 15th

From 9 past 11 to 2 p.m. the whale had had two risings, she was then four miles off, we put out the fires, lowered the boats and went after her, the second rising after we lowered, which made it a part of a) made fast to, and got her at 7 in the evening got her along side, it was then calm, and remained so for the remainder of the 24 hours, at noon finished cutting, all but halving the carcass Latitude by Obs 31:38 Longitude by Obs 165:00 East

Saturday July 16th

Still calm with pleasant weather, at 2 p.m. finished cutting, at 5 light breezes from the East Middle & latter part light breezes with pleasant weather, steering S.W. Found by the lunar, that the carcass has set us 80 miles to the eastward since we first saw the whale, Lat 31:23 Long 164:50

Sunday July 17th

First part gentle breezes from S.E. steering S.W. employed a boiling, saw a ship off the lee Middle & latter part fine breezes from E.S.E. steering S.W. two ships in sight a head, steering to the Eastward, and one to the North steering to the westward. Lat 30:32 Longitude by Lunar East

Monday July 18th

Pleasant weather wind Easterly, at 1 p.m. took ship George & Susan with 900 lbs. At 4 p.m. finished boiling, latter part at 10 saw a large whale put off and made fast to her and parted the line, we then after made fast to her again, (with a preventer iron only) just as she was going down, she took out fifty fathoms of line, and then was lost again, hauled in the line, and found the preventer warp had cast off and the iron gone with her, we continued chasing but could not get near her Latitude 30:55 Longitude East

Tuesday July 19th

At 2 p.m. returned on board got dinner and went after her again, chased till night but could not get near her, latter part employed sawing oil in the after hold, at 10 A.M. saw a large whale off the lee, put off at noon made fast and got her

Latitude 30:40 Longitude East