

Western Ground

Remarks on board Sunday January 29th 1832
First & middle part light breezes with thick weather. Latter part moderate breezes with quite clear weather. At 12 M saw 3 sperm whales four miles off the weather beam. Lat 4° 36'

Monday January 30th

Got dinner and layed the boats found the whales a going quick to the South. we rowed till 4 o'clock and then got sight of the whales out of the boats, for the first time they made a little stop for a few minutes, so that we got very near to them, but the people were so much fatigued out, having rowed four hours steady without stopping, that we could not get fast, at 4 p.m. got on board. though the night thick rainy weather. Latter part clear weather. At 4 p.m. saw two sperm whales going quick to the windward. lowered boats and chased till 10 A.M. but could not overtake them, we thought they heard our oars when we first left the ship. returned on board, and went to work and made a set of paddles for each boat. Lat 4° 3' Long 110° 00' W

Tuesday January 31st

First part light airs and calms. Middle part headed to the N.E. under sharp sail. Latter part light breezes from the South headed to the Westward. Employed repairing old sails

Latitude by Obs 4 miles South. Long 110° 10' W

Wednesday February 1st

First part light airs and calms. Middle part headed to the eastward with light airs from S.E. Latter part light airs all round the compass, on land the main sail and repaired it. Lat 10 miles North. Long 110° 30' W

Thursday February 2nd

First part gentle breezes from S.E. with very clear weather. At 4 p.m. saw a breach off the beam, started for it till sundown but could not see any thing more of it. Middle & latter gentle breezes steering to the S.W. Found by the Latitude (which is 13 miles North) that we had gone east 13 miles. Long by Obs 111° 00' W

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Remarks on board Friday February 3rd
All these 24 hours we have had quite a fine breeze from S.E. and S.W. steering by the wind to the southward, against the rate of 3/4 knots per hour, though the water, and find by the Latitude of noon, which was 12 miles North, that we have made but 11 miles to the South, I never experienced so strong a tide before at sea. Long by Obs

Saturday February 4th

All these 24 hours moderate breezes from S.E. with very pleasant weather. steered S.W. and set all the steering sails. Latitude by Obs 29 miles South. Long

Sunday February 5th

First part pleasant weather. At 2 p.m. saw 3 sperm whales 8 miles off, to the leeward. At 3 lowered the boat. At 4 p.m. made fast and got them at sundown got them along side, wore ship and steered to the South under sharp sail. Latter part up in the whales and began to boil. Lat by Obs 54 m. S

Longitude by Lunar

Monday February 6th

All these 24 hours pleasant weather with moderate breezes from East, and E.S.E. steering by the wind to the South. saw finbacks black fish and porpoises

Latitude by Obs 1° 42' S. Longitude by Obs 113° 37' W

Tuesday February 7th

First part moderate trades with fair weather steering to the South. Middle part wore ship to the South. Latter part At 4 A.M. finished boiling. At day light wore ship and steered. Lat 2° 00' S. Long 114° 16' W

Wednesday February 8th

All these 24 hours pleasant weather steering to the South and S.W. Latter part employed on the try works, in raising the pots which had settled, and were very near falling down, and was the last part which we had to build all entirely anew. At 10 A.M. saw a ship to windward steering for us Lat 3° 16' S. Long by Obs 115° 00'

Thursday February 9th

At 8 p.m. spoke ship Herald N. B. Colford 13 months out 500 lbs I went on board and put the evening Middle and latter part steering to the South with light trades. Latitude 4° 14' South Longitude by Lunar 116° 00' W

28 months out with 2200 lbs