

Bark Ciccolas^d At Sea February 1859

Thursday February 24th 1859

These twenty four hours have been very beautiful and pleasant, with a moderate breeze from E. N. E. This morning commenced work by sending down the foretop sail lifts and foot ropes and fitted them over, in the afternoon finished them and fitted a couple of blocks in the cap for the topsail clewline and fore lift also mended a hole in the jib and one in the mainsail. There has been two sail in sight on our Starboard beam on the Port tack, we did not go very near them, finished up the day's work by washing down decks.

Course S. W. Wind E. N. E.

Lat 24° 58' South Lon 23 days out

Friday February 25th 1859

These twenty four hours have been the same as yesterday only with a stronger breeze. Commenced work by sizing on fairleads and reeing down clear the forward rigging.

This morning about eight the captain took a Luncar observation. In the afternoon the mate fitted a rope for a Mizzen stay so that we can carry a stay sail.

There has been nothing in sight except a few birds. We are now on what is called Bacoa Banks one of the best sperm whale grounds in the Atlantic Ocean but we have not seen anything that looks like one or any ship's cruising here.

Lat 25° 10' South Lon 34° 50' West

Saturday February 26th 1859

This has been a pretty busy day. This forenoon came up with the lower Mizzen rigging and raised it and then mended and covered with canvass where it comes through the bulwark. This afternoon at work as above but having

a few rain squalls we did not get all done. We have had a good stiff breeze on the starboard quarter all day. Last night had considerable trouble with my watch to keep them awake as sleeping on deck is positively forbidden.

Lat 26° 24' South

Nothing in sight to day

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Sunday February 27th 1859

These twenty four hours commenced with a very strong breeze and thick cloudy weather. This forenoon about half past ten had a heavy squall of wind and rain. This afternoon have had a very steady and strong breeze about two o'clock raised a sail on our weather bow on the opposite tack passed her to leeward about two miles. She was an English bark bound to the North.

Today has been Sunday there has been no work carried on pumped ship after four but did not get much water out of her.

Course S. W. Wind S. E.

1m 28 days out

Monday February 28th 1859

These twenty four hours commenced with light squalling winds and thick haze weather with light showers of rain.

This forenoon commenced work on the Mizzen rigging again and took out masts and water. Stocked ship about eight with the wind S. E. which gradually hauled in to S. E.

This afternoon spoke the Bark Ciccolas Capt. Webb twenty two months out about five hundred sperm. Spoke the Ellen 200 W. Stated 1000 sperm. E. C. Jones 1000 whale and sperm. Briggs Simelice 300 sperm the above was taken this season. Strong breeze from S. E. and cloudy. So ends the month. At sunset a sail in sight on weather bow.

Course S. W. Wind S. E.

1m 28 days out

Tuesday March 1st 1859

These twenty four hours have been middling pleasant with a strong breeze. This forenoon finished the Mizzen rigging. This afternoon bent a new line stay and a new Mizzen stay sail. About 10 past 5 had a very heavy squall from the N. E. accompanied with rain. Saw a few

grampuses, and a sail on the lee bow apparently steering about South. We are now in the latitude of squalls and have to keep a sharp look out for them.

Course S. W. Wind S. E.

Lat 30° 49' South

1m 29 days out