

Bark Lark April 1853.

Friday Commenced the 4th Month of this Year with light airs inclining to Calm boarded with the English Ship James Smith of Workington 45 days from London bound to Hong Kong also with, also exchange signals, with a English brig. Laid 18.51. Long 27.24.

Saturday 2^o Saw a school of Sperm Whales lowered the boats got 2 lay by all night day light commenced cutting. Noon finished made sail with light winds to the E. empty boiling till the 5th finished. They made about 30 bbls empty in 24 hours. On the 8th Saw a large school of Sperm Whales lowered the boats got 2. The Starboard Boat got Capsized ought to have got 20 bbls. if the boat had not got turned over. Noon got them on along side. Sunset finished cutting. Day light commenced boiling. Sunday 10th spoke the Ship Empress of the Sea Putman also with got a few Potatoes Newspapers and Apples found our Chro. 60 Miles to the West & 4 Miles from the Land. rated the Chro on the 12th. Cropped the Line 35th. Laid 3 N. took the 1st & 2nd traces strong which makes the Ship leak bad. Stowed the Oil down. Steering N.W. on the 29th passed a bark steering to the Eastward with no fore top sail. For top sail at least 4000 yds at 10th. finished painting the inside of the Ship Saturday painted the White streak outside. and this month with light airs inclining to Calm.

Now Laid 33.52. N. Long 64.09 W.

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Sunday Commenced the 5th Month of this year with strong breezes & E.N.E. steering N.W. under Double reefed topsails. 1st 2nd 3rd sail of Ship's all steering to the E. Laid 34.51 N Long 66.10

~~Monday~~ Moderate wind hauling to the N.W.