

Barge Pacific Cruising In The North

Saturday Nov 20th Comes in with light baffling winds from the N.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind cruising with all sail out Bonavista St. Nicholas & St. Jago in sight. Bonavista bearing E Dist 35 miles at 9 A.M. saw a whale breaching by Mr. Foster to the windward at 9 1/2. Sounded two Boats and at 10 the other two & sent them in chase but the boats could not come up with the whales as they were going quick to the windward. The Boats all returned on board at 5 P.M. - saw through the day several schools of porpoises and one do of Blackfish at sunset kept ship of for Sago

Sunday Nov 21st all day moderate breezes from the N.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering for the Isle of Brava at 8 A.M. north end of St. Jago bearing E Dist 10 miles Brava in sight ahead. at sunset have to of N.W. of the Isle for the night

Monday Nov 22d all day moderate breezes from the N.E. and fine weather. Ship in the morn. ran down for port Seig. Sago but found the surf so high that it was impracticable to land when steered over for Brava and went on shore at 12 A.M. Laying off and on at West Port. the Bark Abram Barker Thatcher 4 weeks out clean. Off East port Bark Sea Queen 4 weeks out clean. Obtained a few fowls and discharged and paid Bernard Gomez boatswain the amount due him in accordance with U.S. consular price as per agreement made on shipment in letter over one year ago

Tuesday Nov 23d all day fine pleasant weather. Ship in the morn. ran down for the port of Truma on the E end of Brava and went on shore to obtain two boatswains having been unable to obtain them yesterday at West Port. at dusk came on board with two having shipped them for the voyage then kept ship south for R.S. Plate

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Wednesday Nov 24th Comes in with moderate N.E. trade & cloudy weather. Ship steering S by compass with all sail out for the south Atlantic. No sail in sight steering to the south also. Lat. 13.43 N No Obs

Thursday Nov 25th all day moderate N.E. trade and cloudy weather. Ship steering S and S by W for the South Atlantic Ocean. Watch employed in cleaning & painting boats &c. Nothing in sight all day. Lat 11.09 Long 23.40

Friday Nov 26th all day moderate breeze from the N.E. and calms with shower of rain. Ship steering S by W with all sail out. saw three sail all steering to the S. water blue and clear. saw a few porpoises and finback. Nothing more in sight all day. Lat 8.43 Long 23.27

Saturday Nov 27th all day light air and squally weather with some rain. Ship steering S by W with all sail out. Several sail in sight all but one steering to the S & W. water blue and clear excepting a few Scaudrobs. some birds around. saw one school of Grampuses. Lat 7.09 Long 23.33

Sunday Nov 28th all day light baffling winds from all points of the compass. Ship working to the S and W with all sail out. several sail in sight all but one steering to the S & W. saw two we call whales one the Seine and another the Abram Barker. water blue and clear. saw plenty of birds and some Blackfish & porpoises. Lat 06.08 Long 23.40

Monday Nov 29th all day light air and rainy weather in showers all day. Several sail in sight all steering or working to the South. water blue & clear working to the South as fast as possible in order to clear the doldrums. Some 12 sail in sight. Two whales. Lat 4.04 No Obs.