

Cruising off St. Helena

Remarks on board Thursday May 21st 1863

This twenty four hours commenced with clear weather and strong breezes from S.E. ship with light sails hauled at dark double reefed the top sails and hauled the main sail. Land bearing S.W. distant 30 miles. Middle and latter part fine weather and moderate breezes from S.E. ship by the wind under short sail at 8 o'clock heeled off for the land.

Remarks on board Friday May 22nd

This twenty four hours commenced with fine weather at 10 o'clock went on shore got on board at sun down middle part fine with moderate breeze ship with all sail latter part ship by the wind at 7 1/2 am. saw a school of sperm whales toward all three boats. waste boat struck iron drew backward boat went on and struck the same whale and got him. Land bearing S.W. distant 8 miles.

Remarks on board Saturday May 23rd

This day fine employed cutting at the ^{dark blubber} all on board got supper and double reefed the top sails. Middle part strong breeze employed sending down cutting gear. Latter part fine cleared the head away and started the works.

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Remarks on board Sunday May 24th 1863

This twenty four hours commenced with fine weather and strong winds employed hauling middle part cloudy weather with a strong breeze from the S.E. employed hauling latter part the same land bearing S.W. 12 miles distant.

Remarks on board Monday May 25th

This twenty four hours cloudy with moderate breezes finished hauling saw two whale ships middle and latter part fine ship by the wind land bearing S.W. by S distant 40 miles. Two ships in sight cruising.

Remarks on board Tuesday May 26th

This twenty four hours commenced with fine weather and moderate breeze from S.E. by S. ship under all sail land bearing S.W. by W. Middle and latter part about the same employed stowing oil so ends this twenty four hours.