

Ship Balama bound to Payta
1855 Tuesday May 15th

Mind moderate with fair sky. All sail set working to the S.E. Saw Gimbarks. Took off the weather boards above the Main Rail & found several of the staunches rotting under the boards. So ends

Lat. 2, 35 S
Long 83, 37 W

Wednesday May 16th

Fine breeze with fair weather. All sail set. Steering Eastward. Saw Gimbarks. Employed variously. Lat. 2, 45 S Long 82, 31 W

Thursday May 17th

Fresh trade with fair weather. All sail set. In the Main. Saw Gimbarks & B. fish. Employed variously. Lat. 3, 18 S
Long 81, 20

Friday May 18th

Strong trade with hazy weather. All useful sail set. Steering Northward. At 11 AM saw the land. Saw a Brig Steering S.E. Current S.S.W. 7/8 Knot. Lat. 3, 47 S
Long 80, 44 W

Saturday May 19th

Strong trade with hazy weather. All useful sail set. To make Southing. Middle bandage light sails. Much B. fish. Lat. 4, 26 S Long 81, 60

Sunday May 20th

Strong winds with hazy weather. Steering in for the land. 12 noon Payta Land 6 or 8 miles Lat. 4, 59

Monday May 21st

At 4 PM the Captain went on shore. Found the 1st Officer still very feeble & not able to go to sea. Ship off on through the night. Found at the Custom house that they would allow nothing landed without anchor the ship. So ends

Tuesday May 22nd

At 4 PM anchored in 9 fathoms. Latter part. Deepened two men landed 12 Bls B. fish. Oil 14 boxes candles & at the end of the day the ship about ready for sea. So ends

Wednesday May 23rd

Begins with ship laying at anchor. At 2 PM the 1st Officer through very feeble was brought on board. At 7 PM under way & stood seaward. Mr. Goran not on duty. Course Westward. Lat. 4, 41 S Long 82, 14

Ship Balama cruising for Whales
Thursday May 24th

Begins with fresh breeze & fair weather. Fresh gear. Course S.W. to latter S. Saw Gimbarks. 1 Sh. off minding slowly. Employed at various jobs about the ship. Found staunches & B. fish. Lat. 3, 19 S Long 82, 07 W

Friday May 25th

Moderate trade with fair sky. Latter found 1 or 2 B. fish. without success. Saw a Merchant Ship heading Southward. Lat. 1, 36 N Long 82, 59 W

Saturday May 26th

Mind moderate with some small rain. Course Northward. Saw nothing of importance. 1 Sh. Officer much the same as yesterday but light headed at intervals. Lat. 0, 00 S Long 82, 30 W

Sunday May 27th

Fresh trade with passing clouds. Course Northward. Latter part. Saw Gimbarks. Mr. Goran appears better to day. Lat. 1, 12 N Long 83, 30

Monday May 28th

Fresh trade with fair weather. Course by the wind Westward. Saw nothing. Latter part. overboarded the cutting gear. Mr. T appears better but is uneasy at times. & is troubled with a cough. (our ~~protection~~ this day since we have got a fine Whale) Lat. 1, 50 N Long 84, 45 W

Tuesday May 29th

Mind moderate with passing clouds & some rain. All useful sail set. cruising. Saw nothing of importance. Employed variously. Mr. T quite rational & appears to be gaining strength. Course S.W. 1/2 Knot. Lat. 1, 22 N Long 84, 57 W

Wednesday May 30th

Strong trade with passing clouds. Course by the wind Westward. Saw nothing. Nothing took place worthy of remark. Lat. 1, 07 N Long 86, 21 W

Thursday May 31st

Strong trade with rough sea. Latter part. the 1st Officer saw nothing. Mr. T appears to be doing very well. Lat. 1, 01 N Long 86, 38 W

Friday June 1st

Strong trade with good weather. First the ship under double reef. Latter made more sail heading Eastward. Lat. 0, 57 N Long 85, 38