

in latitude $9^{\circ} 52'$ south. The town contains about 300 inhabitants. The houses are but one story high and are generally made of bamboo and mortar. The inhabitants are kind and very hospitable. They are generally indolent and lazy. One old man in particular treated me exceedingly well. I had no sooner got into the town than he came to me, took my arm and forced me to follow him to his house; there I was obliged to sit down and take breakfast, he then began to converse about one thing and another, and would not allow me to leave his house until I promised to return to dinner. It was so every time I went ashore, and the last day he made me present of a fine hat, and tried to persuade me to stay with him, but it was useless, for there were persons dear to me as life who were expecting me home. Had I been friendless and without home I should have remained with him. We left Santa on the 20th and stood off land; nothing occurred of any importance until this morning when a large school of blackfish was raised from mast-head, we lowered and the 4th mate got one which made almost a barrel of oil.

Jan 27th. The weather, as always is the case, on this Saturday. coast at this time of the year is beautiful the very warm. Blackfish were again raised today, but it being too early in the day we did not lower.

Jan 28th. Fine day as could be, everything still Sunday and quiet on board. Blackfish raised but we did not lower. I passed the day reading Samartine's "Voyage en Orient" it is really a very interesting, and well written book and affords me much pleasure.

Jan 29th. A new week begins and ere it ends Monday I trust we may get a large sperm whale, for we are now about 8 months out

and have not a single drop of sperm oil; this begins to be rather discouraging and speaks bad for the voyage. for at this rate we shall not get home very soon. we lowered this afternoon for blackfish but did not get any. Tuesday 30th. Today is as pleasant as any one can wish. for the mind moderate and refreshing. We today spoke the ship "Lafayette" of New Bedford and gammed with her all the afternoon. She is thirteen months and a half out, and has but 350 bbls of sperm oil and 15 bbls blackfish oil; she saw whales 18 times during that period, and would have had much more oil, if the boat-steerers had done their duty. Last week they saw whales four days and in large numbers, they saved two small ones out of perhaps a thousand.

From the Captain of this ship we heard of the death of Capt. Cornell of the "Lancaster" belonging to the same owners as our own ship. He was killed by a man falling on him from the mizzen topsail yard, while lying off and on one of the Cape Verde Islands.

Feb 4th. Since last Tuesday I have not found Sunday any time to add a few lines to my journal, we have been pretty busy during that time blackfishing, we lowered twice for them and got three. we hoiled them out and with the one we had before they made us 19 barrels of oil.

Feb 10th. Since I last wrote anything in Saturday my journal I have been unable to add anything my time has been employed in more urgent occupations. Since Tuesday the weather has been very changeable and we have had a good deal rain, which has rendered the weather a little cooler. we lowered once for blackfish but did not get any. We again spoke the "Lafayette" and from her we gathered the following