

Bark Roscoe Cruising for S. Whales

Friday February 25th 1848

All these 24 hours small breezes from NE fine clear weather first part steered NW saw the Peri Whaling A long way off to NW at 6.30. Spoke Ship Leonidas Capt Patch spoke Bark Alto Lakeman 5 months out clean later spoke the Peri cutting A hundred bbl whaler
Lat 23 37 Long 48 33

Saturday 26th

All these 24 hours light moderate weather wind from from NE to East first part on Diff tacks later steered to NNE to NW at 10 the Land in sight the Leonidas off sea beam
Lat Obs 23 30 Long At 10 At 48 07

Sunday 27th

All these 24 hours light moderate weather at 6 AM tacked ship off shore the land 12 miles off later 3 sail in sight Lat 23 54 Long 48 24
Note Chro about 5 miles to the West of the ship

Monday 28th

All these 24 hours fine light weather on Diff tacks later 3 sail in sight spoke Bark Alto N. Bedford
Lat 23 36 Long 48 30

Tuesday 29th

All these 24 hours moderate & fine weather on Diff tacks spoke Bark Alto Lakeman 5 months from N. Bedford clean & Bark Tromp Grennell Maren 31 m. 700 S. 300 M Bound home soon Latitude 23 28 Long 48 30

Wednesday 1st of March

First & Midd moderate later some squally & sail in sight on Diff tacks Lat 23 40 Long 48 26

Thursday 2nd

All this Day lively from ESE spoke Dove had not seen any thing since I last spoke him on Diff tacks Midd & later to South Lat Obs 24 33 Long 48 33

Friday 3rd

All these 24 hours lively breezes from SE to ESE first part steered to Southward Midd on Diff tacks later to North & NW 30 knots & nothing small equal at plenty Latitude Obs 24 53 Long Obs 48 20

Saturday 4th

All these 24 hours lively breezes from SE to NE steered on Diff courses to Southward & to Northward but no Whales Note Saw Exp 25 m SW current Lat 25 30 Long 47 30

first part lively breezes from ENE steered NNE at 5 saw the land at Port Dauphin at sunset the Land about 18 miles distant NNE at 10 were ship to SE later small breezes from East clear & fine steered SE Lat 26 03 Long 47 07 under all sail some mottling

South Coast of Madagascar

Monday 6th of March 1848

First part light breezes from SE to South Middle fresh from SE later strong from SE to SE steered NNE at 9 by the wind to NE at 10 30 raised the land to NE Lat Obs 25 54 Long Merid 46 10

Tuesday 7th

All these 24 hours strong breezes from East clear weather first part steered to NNE at 6 tacked off shore about 20 miles from the land at 2 were in later saw finbacks on the Northern tack the most of the time the high Lands of Port Dauphin in sight Note Chro 18 miles to West of ship Lat Obs 24 43 Long Merid Chro 46 26

Wednesday 8th

All these 24 hours strong breezes from East to SE first part to NNE by the wind at 6 30 tacked ship to SE Port Dauphin bearing NE Dist 18 miles carried hole topsails at 2 AM tacked at 6 tacked to SE at 9 30 to ENE strong breezes & rough Lat 25 54 Long Merid 47 04

Thursday 9th

Commences with strong breezes from SE steered by the wind to ENE Middle strong increasing breezes at 6 30 PM single reef the topsails at 10 Double reef later strong & still increasing at 10 reef in sail & close reef to topsail some light rain Lat Obs 25 25 Long 48 12

Friday 10th

Commences with fresh & increasing gales from SE to ESE some rain at 6 PM sent down Royal yards close reef in topsail reef foresail & field mainsail the wind halled gradually to Southward steered East at 10 field foretopsail foretopsail & light to the wind to ESE strong gails & stormy weather with a high swell from East the wind still increased during the night at 6 AM sent fore and main spencers & field the foresail strong gails thick stormy weather between the hours of 10 and 11 AM the wind increased rapidly the sea rose in high Perimiddle shapes it increased the ship to be very uneasy the pitch away the ship gibbous or rather broke it in too Amidships All hands was called to clear it & take it & the rigging in on deck in the act the Bow David gave away or rather broke off & left the Boat down overboard but I succeeded in taking a part of her in on deck she was so badly broken that she is unfit to repair & entirely useless these disasters ends these 24 hours with hard gales & heavy squalls & heavy rain Wind from South By Compass No Observations Lat Account 25 25 Long 48 40