

245 Days out

Monday August 15th 1853

Went about 5 M. with fog and rain all day Steering W. If the Ocean were full of whales we could do nothing this weather but as it happens there is nothing but finbacks. We have nothing to do but look for them through the fog. No land.

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Tuesday August 16th

Commenced with fog and rain. Wind W. Steering W. Terminated pleasantly. A few finbacks in sight. Did business and poor pay.

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Wednesday August 17th

Commenced pleasantly. At most calm but during the night the wind changed to the S.E. Steering W. At breakfast time the wind increased and the rain fell very disagreeably but we managed to stand it till noon when we resorted to sails. Suffered to the wind to the E. Got about 56.00 W.

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Thursday August 18th

First and middle parts a fresh breeze from the S.E. and rain and fog a plenty. Latter part a fresh breeze from the S.W. with fog Steering E by S. Nothing in sight and as little to do. Mr. Bakman's baby's first birthday. He treated us all with fine cake made by his little wife. It went first date May they be long with.

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Friday August 19th

Wind west and W. with fog all day. Steering a westerly course from W. to S.E. but can see nothing but finbacks and a prospect of a long voyage.

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Saturday August 20th

A strong breeze from the W. and pretty fair weather for this country. Part of the time Steering E. and part of the time S. by E. Saw a few finbacks and puffing pigs. Spent the day in turning mackerel cases. Done about the first work that I have done for the last 3 weeks but I think we shall have enough to do soon as we are sailing toward port and there is much work to do this side of port.

Got 52.50 W.

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Sunday August 21st 1853.

Went W. Steering S. by E. Weather fair. At 3 in the afternoon saw a sail a head. She came on about the same time and backed towards us and we soon recognised her as our old friend Casphrates and as we had not seen her ~~any~~ other ship since July 20 we were glad to see her. She ran down and spoke us and as Capt. Peake hailed sick our captain went on board and Mr. Bryant came to our ship. They had seen whales but a few times since we saw them but like like we had taken none. One of her men had, started with a fit of mania and behaved in a manner exceedingly dangerous. He seized a hammer the only weapon he could reach and inflicted a severe blow on the face of the blacksmith near the eye making a bad sore. They secured ^{him} at last with handcuffs and double lashed him with a short rope and a lance rope. He had a couple of sheath knives in his boot but fortunately he could not reach them. Honestly if he had he would have made horrid work as it was night and the watch was asleep. He awoke from sleep in this mad fit but is now rational but has on one occasion requested them to put the irons on again he was afraid he was a going to have another fit. He is a native of the Sandwich islands. Poor fellow. In the morning Capt. Peake came on board for another game. So ends another Sabbath.

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Monday August 22nd

At 7 in the evening our company left us with many good wishes and the wind soon hauled to the W. Steering S. by E. The bath ^{square} of yards concluded to bend the foretop gallantsail and maintop gallantsail and set foretopmast Studding sail. The watch scraping tryworks and deck pots and minding machine the machine ^{and coals} was afterwards washed. Got 59.19 W.

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Tuesday August 23rd

A fresh breeze from the W. Steering S. with all sail set. Bent a ^{new} shank in place of a clove rigger. Our neighbour out of sight astern.