

Bark Sea Fox Cruising off Cape Durwin

Hour

Friday Nov. 27th 1863 Comes in with fine weather and light air from the Westward the Bark on different tacks. Middle and latter part Calm Saw nothing of importance.

Lat 35.59° Long 119.20° E

Saturday Nov 28th Comes in with fine weather and moderate Breezes from the S.E. Steering W.N.W. Middle and latter part Splendid weather Saw porpoises and caught one, at noon Bald Head bearing W.N.W. 20 miles.

Sunday Nov 29th Comes in with fine weather and moderate Breezes from S.E. Middle and latter part much the same Saw nothing of importance.

Lat 35.23° Long 118.30° E

Monday Nov 30th Comes in with fine weather and moderate wind from the S.E. Middle and latter part much the same Saw nothing of importance at Noon Bald Island bearing N.E. 20 miles.

Lat 35.12° Long 118.54° E

Tuesday Dec 1st Comes in with fine weather and moderate breezes from S.E. Middle and latter part quite moderate Employed Stowing oil in the Ground tier in the after hold. Bald island in sight bearing N by W about 30 miles dist. Saw a Steamer Steering to the Westward.

Lat 35.00° Long 119.20° E

Bark Sea Fox Cruising for Whales.

Wednesday Dec 2nd 1863. This day Comes in with fresh breeze from S.E. Steaming to the N.E. at daylight. Sperm Whales all round the Ship. Lowered two Boats about 8 A.M. the larboard Boat struck a small calf. I then lowered the Starboard boat and sent him in Chase of the Whales. after Chasing some time and not getting fast. I called the 2nd mate on Board. and he went in his boat myself. about 10 A.M. I struck a large Whale and got my boats stove fastening. The Starboard boat picked us up. and with 2 boats Cruised in one boat we picked up and saved what things we could and then left the Boat with a Black fish pole fast to it and went to the whale. Shot him with a bomb lance and set him Spouting thick blood and tried to fasten to him but could not get near enough owing to having so many men in the Boat, so we lost the Whale & Boat and went on board to find the other boat. The Ship keeper had not seen the water boat since leaving the Ship. Made sail working to windward about 3 P.M. found the Boat laying by a small whale. took him alongside about 4 P.M. and cut in the Whale. Bald Island bearing W.N.W. 25 miles.

Lat 34.53° Long 119.10° E

Thursday Dec 3rd Comes in with fine weather and light baffling winds. The Bark on different tacks. Middle and latter part much the same Saw porpoises and other small fry. The watch Employed. Stowing away in the after hold. at noon Bald Island bearing W. about 25 miles.

Lat 34.55° Long 119.09° E

