

Remarks on Board Bark Luv. Cruising off Luluia

Thursday, July 11th

11. This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S.E. Ship standing in for the Land. this morning the Columbia & Stafford was almost out of sight when of us at 8 A.M. we were ship and stood towards them: and at 8 we were again and stood in again (having come up with the Stafford) and stood in for the purpose of showing Capt. Tiers where we got our Wood & Water. at 9 1/2 A.M. he hauled a back and landed away one of his Boats and came on board of us: At 10 he (Capt. Tiers) and our old man went ashore. In the third our ship and stood off again. this noon we had a most delicious good Dinner for us (it being fresh Pork & Roasted at that) which is something uncommon for us to have I assure you. I understand that we are again to mate with the Stafford: so we shall be in company with her all the voyage. the way this is to work is. if she gets any fire in company with us we are to have half of it: And if we get fire and she does not she is to have the same: so we shall both of us fair alike in all our whaling transactions. Hatch employed at various jobs come to work in the Higgins: others at small jobs about Decks: and the mate over the Board trying to catch a Porpoise. (Came) 2 O'clock in the afternoon. at half past two we were ship and stood in for the Ala man: at 4 P.M. we were off ship: and were her Alas. (the Captain having come off and gone on board the Stafford) at 5 the Stafford hauled a back to have a game with the Columbia (we hauled a back at the same time the three Captains are on board of the Stafford: the mate on board of us. and the Seamen on board the Columbia: that is the way this running business is carried into practice by these sperm whalers. after they get out on this side of Land (as for my part I am tired of it: as we have done nothing else since we have been out here) I hope we shall not see any more ships this Cruise: for we have all day on Deck (because our men run away) and then came on the almost morning: and it keeps us up about

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all the time and it does not pay. I was in hopes of doing something this voyage (but my calculations are all vanished like the snow before the sun) If this is the way I must think of making a good voyage: I want to be at home enjoying all the blessings I can as long as I live. wishing you all the comfort & happiness this life affords (there is no such thing for us poor wretched Dogs as we are called). I close this Page & of our Excursion on the Great South Pacific Ocean.

Friday, July 12th

12 This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S.E. Ship steering S.W. heading in for the Land. at 8 A.M. we landed away our Starboard Boat and the Ala men called the Cooper, Edwin Boy & three Boatsturns of us to go on board the Stafford to help them get in to the Anchorage at Luluia. After hauling and pulling the yard a bit a dozen times we clued up the Counsel. Appails. Main Top Gallant Sails &c. After getting through with that performance: we made two Boats and moved the ship into the Harbor. After getting the wind and a little of the Ala letter we started for the ship. After being on board our ship for half an hour: we put the wind and some board into the Boat and started after our Runaways. We made several attempts to land: but was not in the right place until we had pulled down the whole Island. (It being the low Harbor). After doing them some three hours we made out to get our men (After threatening to blow them brains out: they concluded to come on board) and started for the ship again: with some men. (Decided the Captain of the Columbia) and then baggage: we arrived on board at 5. This evening all of us in good health. Our Runaways we distributed in various parts of the ship two in the Run. One in the main Hatch the other one is in Deck. At 8 this evening a boat from the Columbia came after the Ala man: and then we traced forward and stood in our anchor. so ends this Day of trials and tribulations. Good night to all.