

1842 Journal of Ship William Thompson

Sunday November 25

This day commences with breezes from the N.E. raining and unpleasant. There are four ships in sight and all standing the same way that we are, the Smithy is still in sight. I think we will keep so some time. We are soon have another storm on account of that. Left each day between going ashore and oranges. I have quite forgot blubber but we have not seen one of our kind for the three days but wait till yet.

Latitude 5° 15' N
Longitude 23° 10' W

Saturday November 26

Light airs from the N.E. rain squalls occasionally in fact wind blowing from all quarters, it is a short storm. Paddy the Hurricane, a sea, a black lion lowered his boat for some black fish but did not get any he was gone nearly an hour and chasing them all the time. The men very wild. All things go on as usual, don't eat quit so much junk. I am not fag of the Jacks whom we bought at the Jagoes. He is the most amusing piece of goods we got on board. The ship will stop this afternoon. If this weather continues there will be a great many more. This can come just so far and no more.

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Longitude 23° 10' W

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Sunday November 27

This is the place of wet Jacks and squally weather, all day making and taken in sail. Never saw such times in my life. all eating and drinking and no blubber. Five ships in sight all going the same way. It is impossible say how the wind has been blowing today for it has been all round the compass. It was so cloudy we could not see the sun. So much sunrise.

Latitude 5° 30' N
Longitude 23° 40' W

Monday November 28

Strong breezes from the N. and squalls all day, there has been five or six ships in sight. Steering S. and S by W. That the Smithy is ten miles in about five hours to windward. Captain Raymond came on board this afternoon and remained until 10 he has had about the same luck that we have had and that is nothing, all our spines are low but I think an eighty or a hundred whale would cure us.

Latitude 4° 22' N
Longitude 22° 50' W

Tuesday November 29

Wind still blowing from the S. think they must be the S. trades or will soon turn into them. We are going along about 5 knots weather rather inclined to be squally. Have not seen any