

Ship George on a Whaling Voyage to the Pacific Ocean

Thursday January 31st 1833 Fresh breezes and pleasant weather. At daylight saw a Ship standing to the NW. All hands employed restoring in the hold.

True Course NW Lat Obs 4° 35' Long W 23° 24'

Friday February 1st Fresh breezes from SE & pleasant weather. At daylight set to the best advantage on a course. All hands employed as yesterday.

True Course SW Lat Obs 6° 42' Long W 20° 13'

Saturday Feb 2nd Fresh breezes and pleasant weather. All hands variously employed in Ship's duty. Fitted a new pair of S. & H. Maststays. Saw a large Whaling Ship.

True Course SW Lat Obs 9° 17' Long W 31° 37'

Sunday Feb 3rd Moderate breezes and fair weather.

This is the forty fifth day since I came on board and as I have been pretty busy and only a few day watches below have not had time to make many observations in my journal. Our boats are now in readiness for taking whales. In morning kept on the lookout at each Mast-head during the day. The boat returns to the main.

Saw a Ship at daylight standing to the NW.

True Course SW Lat Obs 11° 20' Long W 32° 23'

Monday Feb 4th Fine breezes from SE and pleasant weather. Saw a Ship standing to the NW. All hands employed getting up new S. Mast rigging & setting it up.

True Course SW Lat Obs 13° 37' Long W 32° 59'

Tuesday Feb 5th Fair weather & fine trade wind. All hands employed setting up S. & T. Rigging &c. Painted iron head in the cabin.

True Course SW Lat Obs 15° 49' Long W 33° 26'

Wednesday Feb 6th Warm pleasant weather. All hands employed painting Ship at work on rigging &c.

True Course SW Lat Obs 17° 51' Long W 34° 16'

Thursday Feb 7th Warm pleasant weather and moderate SE trade winds. All hands at work on rigging and painting Ship. At 10 A.M. spoke a boat

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the English Brig, Flated of Whitehaven 15 days from Buenos Ayres for Liverpool. Reported his longitude by Chronometer to be 38° 50'.

True Course South. Lat Obs 19° 18' Long 34° 16' W

Friday Feb 8th Warm pleasant weather. All hands employed painting Ship and at work on rigging.

At daylight saw a Sail on our lee beam.

True Course South. Lat Obs 20° 47' Long W 30° 00'

Saturday Feb 9th Warm pleasant weather. Wind ESE. Sail set to the best advantage on a course.

At 2 A.M. a Barque passed to the Eastward of us about a mile distant standing SSE. Latter part wind hauling to the East. Set Spanish Top & Staying Sails. All hands employed painting Ship & other jobs.

True Course South. Lat Obs 23° 09' Long W 30° 00'

Sunday Feb 10th Warm pleasant weather and moderate breezes from the NE. At 2 P.M. saw a Sail ahead, standing toward us. At 6 P.M. she came within haul and proved to be the Brig, Friend of and from Baltimore 14 days from Rio Janeiro. Long by each other until 9 P.M. and Capt West went on board & returned with the Captain of the Brig who is to take S. & S. Shepard (the Carpenter) home he being sick and wholly unfit for the voyage owing to his consumption habits.

At 9.30 P.M. the Boat having set the Captain of the Brig and the Carpenter on board returned for hoisted up and the Ship filled away on her course. Caught my Brother John Henry by the Brig. Good fine steady breezes from North and pleasant weather.

True Course South. Lat Obs 25° 15' Long W 30° 00'

Monday Feb 11th Fine breezes from NW to W. S.W. and pleasant weather. Saw a Sail standing to the North East.

Capt West disposed of the clothing Chest &c. by the Carpenter to the highest bidder among the Crew for about 1/2 of its value.

True Course NW Lat Obs 26° 43' Long W 30° 00'