

Ship George cruising for Whales in the Pacific Ocean

Wednesday May 1st 1833. Winds and weather the same as the 24 hours previous. Lat Obs 24° 15' Long 74° 34'

Thursday May 2nd Fair weather and gentle breeze from N.E. Picked up 12 boxes, say two 12 whaling. Went on shore to see the old store house and an old main one and put the new ones in cargo below. No whales in sight. Lat Obs 23° 25' Long 73° 28' W.

Friday May 3rd Moderate S.E. trade winds & pleasant weather. Caught 2 albacore. Went on shore to pick up the old Sails by jibs and put the new ones in cargo below. Lat Obs 23° 39' Long 72° 14' W.

Saturday May 4th Winds the same as yesterday. Weather a little more cloudy but a dry atmosphere. Lat Obs 21° 50' S. Long 71° 24'

Sunday May 5th Light winds and fair weather. At noon saw the land. Lat Obs 21° 13' S. Long 70° 40'

Monday May 6th Light winds and pleasant weather. At 3 A.M. saw a Sail and at daylight was boarded from the Ship Antonio, Edward Barnard Master of and from Nantucket a whaling. Had taken two Whales equal to 90 Barrels. Lat Obs 20° 28' Long 70° 36'

Tuesday May 7th Moderate breeze and cloudy weather. No whales in sight. Lat Obs 19° 38' Long 71° 39'

Wednesday May 8th Moderate breeze and fair weather. At daylight saw a Sail to the Northward. Saw several Finback & humpback Whales. Lat Obs 19° 08' Long 72° 20'

Thursday May 9th Gentle gale and fair weather. At 4 P.M. spoke a Chilean Brig from Valparaiso for Callao. Saw Finback & humpback Whales but no sperm. Lat Obs 18° 00' Long 72° 40'

Friday May 10th Moderate trade winds and cloudy weather. The Chilean Brig in sight. At noon lowered the Water boat in pursuit of Blackfish. Mr. Lake fastened but the iron drew. Got nothing. Lat Obs 16° 40' S. Long 73° 06' W.

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Saturday May 11th Light S.E. trade winds and beautiful weather. Saw the land which is very high and mountainous. At noon judged it to be about 7 leagues off. We hauled at work this week making a new forecable hatchway putting the Cambrass forward, altering the forecable & Sunday other jobs to make things more comfortable and to make more room on deck. Lat Obs 16° 16' S. Long 73° 50' W.

Sunday May 12th Light S.E. trade winds and fine weather. Running along the land within 10 & 15 miles. Sounded the bells for Blackfish but got none. Caught a Porpoise. Lat Obs 15° 33' Long 74° 55'

Monday May 13th Light air and calm and warm pleasant weather. At 4 P.M. all the Boats lowered in pursuit of Blackfish. The Capt's boat got two Chief Matsy one & Matsy one. Lat Obs 15° 46' S. Long 75° 00' W.

Tuesday May 14th Light winds and calm saw Finback & humpback Whales a Porpoise but no sperm Whales. Blacked the Ship's Water and vacuumed the waist on the Starboard side. Lat Obs 15° 44' S. Long 75° 20' W.

Wednesday May 15th Nearly a dead calm the whole day. At night a light breeze. Saw nothing but one finback. A Porpoise in sight standing to the Westward. Lat Obs 16° 36' S. Long 76° 08' W.

Thursday May 16th Light winds and pleasant weather. At 8 P.M. boarded a Peruvian Schooner from Callao for Arica. Got supplied with a few Potatoes & squashes. Lat Obs 15° 04' S. Long 76° 25' W.

Friday May 17th First part light breeze. Made all sail along the Coast as it appears there are no sperm Whales on this cruising ground. Middle part fresh breeze. Latter part strong breeze & flying clouds. Blacked the Ship's Water on the larboard side. Lat Obs 13° 08' S. Long 76° 45' W.

Saturday May 18th Fresh gale and squally with rain. Under top sails most of the 24 hours. At noon saw the Formigas Islands.