

# Journal at Sea Coast of Peru March 4<sup>th</sup> 1843

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday morning fine and pleasant with light breezes being in the trade winds called the S.E. trades steering N.W. with the main land in sight; Latitude 19° S

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday morning fine and pleasant the breeze light steering N.W. land still in sight several swordfish and sharks in sight playing round the ship the land still in sight

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. the land in sight but nothing else the night was calm and foggy

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning calm we raised a school of sperm whales as we thought and lowered the boats and pulled after them but they were humpbacks we saw several pelicans and in the afternoon spoke the ship Corinthian of Bristol B.T. 4 months out, no oil

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. by W. the Corinthian having shortened sail in night was on our larboard quarter standing towards under all <sup>dark</sup> coming up with us fast

6<sup>th</sup> Monday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering W. the land out of sight, at night there was a comet in sight it appeared very brilliant we had seen it the two or three preceding nights but could not make out what it was until this night

7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering W. nothing in sight except a school of Blackfish they were going very fast and were soon out of sight the comet was in sight again this night Latitude 13° 30' S

8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering W. a very large school of porpoises in sight there is plenty of flying fish, dolphins, bonneted seals in those latitudes and a great number of sharks, and swordfish, but very few whales, this night the comet was not seen as it was cloudy Lat 13° 24' S

9<sup>th</sup> Thursday morning fine light breezes steering W. nothing in sight this day except a finback the comet was in sight this night

# Journal at Sea March 11<sup>th</sup> 1843

Friday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. by W. we saw a swordfish and the chief mate went in his boat after it but could not fasten to it, Latitude 11° 55' S Longitude 75° 10' W

11<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. by W. in the afternoon saw a school of blackfish lowered the boats and the larboard boat struck one but lost it again

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. by W. nothing on sight except a finback or two

13<sup>th</sup> Monday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. by W. nothing in sight

14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. in the forenoon caught a dolphin about 50 pounds and in the afternoon took a blackfish

15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning almost a dead calm several dolphins round the ship, caught a very large one several finbacks were in sight and a school of blackfish but they were going so fast that they were soon out of sight again

16<sup>th</sup> Thursday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. by W. in the afternoon saw a school of blackfish and lowered the boats after them but did not get any Longitude 80° 10' W

17<sup>th</sup> Friday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N. by W. saw a school of blackfish and took two of them Lat 4° South

18<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. by W. boiled out the blackfish the comet has been in sight every clear night nothing else in sight except a finback or two

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. by W. several finbacks and humpbacks in sight the comet was also in sight in the evening

20<sup>th</sup> Monday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering N.W. by W. saw Charles Island Lat 13° South Long 90° at night the Captain went on board the Corinthian of Bristol B.T. who was at anchor there but on coming on board again