

Journal

Saturday 22 Nov 1845

Light winds throughout this day laid with the main yard a back all night at daylight made sail and sighted Saint Benito Island Ceres Island bearing E & E distant 6 leagues saw several shoals of Porpoises but no whales the mate making

Courses	Winds	Lat	Long
E & E	Westerly	28° 23	115° 20

Sunday 23 Nov

Light winds throughout this day at 5 h 30 m distant of shore 5 miles luffed to the wind and flood off shore at 1 h 30 m tacked in shore at daylight steared for the land at 8 h 30 m the Capt and three mates boats went on shore the kever in company yet lying off and on Ceres Island found no Ellipants on this Island so gave all hopes of getting oil in that quarter

Courses	Winds	Lat	Long
East	West	28° 5	115° 17

Monday 24 Nov

Pleasant clear weather with light air steering down along the land to the Southward and Eastward looked into Port Bartholomew

Courses	Winds	Lat	Long
S E	West	27° 33	114° 53

Tuesday 25 Nov

Light breeze throughout this day saw several hump backs in company with the kever

Courses	Winds	Lat	Long
S E	West	27° 7	114° 53

Wednesday 26 Nov

Light breeze throughout this day saw several hump backs all bound to the South East close along shore looked into several of the bays for the Rajah but cannot find her

Courses	Winds	Lat	Long
E to S E	West	27° 8	114° 28

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Thursday 27 Nov 1845

Heavy flaws and strong breezes throughout this day at 7 h 30 m the Capt and Second mate went ashore with two boats crews in Saint Marks Bay and Islands to reconiter for a place to anchor the ship found it very exposed to the South East reckoned it not safe to go in with the ship killed three Ellipant and a number of seals got two turtle and two dozen of fish saw several hump backs in the bay the country seems as if there never was a drop of rain fell here it is all dried up the land and scarcely a living plant to be seen no water any where here

Courses	Winds	Lat	Long
off and on	North	27° 4	114° 19

Friday 28 Nov

Light air throughout this day from the North and North East saw several hump backs great works cleaning seal skins

Courses	Winds	Lat	Long
S E	North N E	26° 39	113° 40

Saturday 29 Nov

Light air throughout this day came near running on a reef running about four miles out to sea of a point of land 40 miles to leeward of Saint Marks Island saw several hump backs all bound to the South along shore steering along the coast puffing away the breeze and in company with the ship kever Lat 26° 35 Long 113° 19

Sunday 30 Nov

Calms in the fore and middle parts latter blowing very heavy from the S E beating and bunging about the coast doing nothing our damned old fool is so frightened of the land that we lose all the good at nights we gain in the day time I give up all hopes to day of getting any oil this season at all the kever looked into the bay we calculated to whale in and said it was a bad place and our old fool believed it and is now steering away from the bay