

The Journal of a Whaling Voyage kept

Thursday May 4th 1843

Light winds and calm, sailing off and on the Island of Seavey boat went on shore to trade for recruits and get 2 1/2 Hogs and 1 boat load of Gums Discharged 1 man James Clarke and 3 more deserted so ends

Friday May 5

Light winds from the ESE steering by the wind sailing off and on the Island of Seavey 1 Boat went on shore to try to get our men but did not succeed

Saturday May 6

Light winds from the Eastward cruising off the Navigators Nothing in sight

Sunday May 7

Light winds from the Eastward cruising off the Navigators at 9 1/2 P.M. spoke the Ship Harbinger 9 months from Westport and 3 days from Boston with 200 lbs of Gums 100 of whale oil Capt Gifford bound to the W

Monday May 8

Light winds from the Eastward steering by the wind stowed down our Oil 54 Bbl to day Land in sight

Tuesday May 9

Light winds from the Eastward steering by the wind under all sail

on board Ship Sharon of Fair Haven

Wednesday May 10th 1843

Light winds from the Eastward cruising off the Navigators Islands under its main topgallant sail and mizzen in

Thursday May 11

Light variable winds and squalls of rain cruising around the Navigators Nothing in sight

Friday May 12

Variable winds and squalls of rain cruising around the Navigators Saw the Islands of Seavey and Chole

Saturday May 13

Variable winds and squalls of rain cruising off the Navigators at daylight saw sail standing to the Eastward Chole in sight

Sunday May 14

Brisk variable winds and squalls of rain cruising off the Navigators

Monday May 15

Light breeze from the Eastward cruising off the Navigators at 1 1/2 P.M. raised 3 men the Starboard boat fastened and started the Starboard fastened and down the mainmast killed and saw at 4 logs the whole of day sight and cut down the mast continued chasing and started and dead at sea