

Off of minor found to Latta

Merchant Man

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Wednesday March the 8th 1855

This day commences in calm ship lying by day at daylight - 7 sails in sight - looked the Bon Bob and boarder An English Bark two months from Maurice Round to Japan. at 12 o'clock boarded a Dutch Bark from Batavia bound to Japan. 1 o'clock Boarded a three masted schooner from Batavia For Japan the Captain that Lincoln was received.

At sundown Off Major bearing N.E. dist 20 miles
Thurs 9th

This day commences with light air from all Point of the compass, at daylight found that the 4 of our fleet had disappeared during the night - caught a Turtle called it Hawk's Bite. At 12 advice breeze from the westward.

At sundown Off bearing E. distance 3 miles

Fry 10th

Commences with light wind from N.W. Four sails in sight - steering in to the Eastward of Off Major. At sundown the whole of them put off sight and all of Off Minor bearing E. dist 30 miles

Molucca Passage begin

Sailed with Captain

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Saturday March the 11th 1855

This day light - Wind from the Westward, at daylight seen A sail called the Sea Queen, much exposed at - At 1 o'clock during the day, at sundown The island of Latta bearing E.S.E. dist 25 miles

Sund 12th

Commences with strong minor from the W. And clear weather. Captain setting strong to the West. Sea Queen in sight - at 1 o'clock spoke And 2 miles her. Capt. Sifford came on board And informed that he had taken only 100. 9500 in the last 5 months, but had had One large lone whale missed by a boatman. By that name of Sheperd who was broke as soon as he came on board. At sundown Latta bearing E.S.E. dist 40 miles

Mon 13th

This day commences with light minor from the Westward. Clear, Sea Queen in sight. Saw two Fin Backs. Current setting to the W. at daylight Latta in sight -