

721. WHALE FISHERY. Log-Book of Capt. Paul West, Master of the ship "Cyrus," 1804-1806. 244 pages, folio, original parchment binding.

About half of the volume treats on "Whaling on the Coast of Chili," "Whaling on the Coast of Peru," and the Galapagos Islands; other records are of voyages to the Falkland Islands, New Islands, St. Helena, etc. The Journal is followed by: "Account of Whales killed and taken on the Cyrus, 1804-1806," and "Abstract of Vessels spoken of or heard by Paul West, 1804-1806." Of the 126 vessels forty-seven belonged in Nantucket, seventeen in New Bedford; others in New York, Sag Harbor, New London, New Haven, Boston, Beverly, and English ports.

Capt. West, then a resident of Dorchester, Mass., inscribes on front cover: "November 19th, 1848 I lent to Capt. Daul McKenzie of New Bedford all four of Journals to the Pacific Ocean to be returned on or before the end of the present year. Paul West." On the fly-leaf Capt. McKenzie has written: "Copied for Lieut. Maury by Daniel McKenzie." McKenzie, apparently, made extracts only of latitudes and other technical features, for use in the authoritative treatises on sailing by Lieut. Matthew F. Maury, U. S. N. His Journal abounds in interesting incidents of his voyages, and observations upon places, people, etc.

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