

On Board Bark Abraham Barker and off New Holland

Saturday April 6th 1847

The first part of these 24 hours good weather with the wind from S.E. & we are under short sail & employed at trying out a whale's head that we picked up this morning at 6 P.M. we first try it out N.E.

Middle part good weather & we were under short sail heading to the N.E. about one o'clock a sail passed us she was steering to the westward she was a merchant man Latter part good weather & we had all sail set & trying to get to the eastward. & we have a head wind N.E.

Sunday April 7th

The first part of these 24 hours good weather with the wind from the E. & we are trying to get to the eastward but we have a head wind & some men have been employed at ship's duties &c Middle part the same only rather more wind & we were under top sail latter part good weather & we had all sail set & trying to get to the eastward but we have a head wind & we are in back &c

Monday April 8th (Lat 34.10 Lon 141.2)

The first part of these 24 hours good weather & we had all sail set & trying to get to the eastward but we have a head wind &c Middle part the same &c Latter part the same & some men have been employed at ship's duties &c making Spungers &c

Tuesday April 9th

The first part of these 24 hours good weather & we had all sail set & trying to get to the eastward but we have a head wind &c Middle part slightly not much wind but it was very cloudy & it was lightning all around & some short rain Latter part pleasant again & we made all sail & steered E. & wind from the N. & we saw lots of killers &c

Wednesday April 10th (Lat 36.00 Lon 142.00)

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with a light breeze from the N. & we had all sail set & steering E. &c

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Middle part good weather & we had all sail set & steering E. & we are working towards New Zealand &c Latter part the same & we sail in light. She is trying to get to the westward & we boarded her & sent letters by her. She was bound to Liverpool loaded with wheat

Thursday April 11th (Lat 36.00 Lon 144.30)

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with a light breeze from the S.W. & we had all sail set & steering E. & we are working towards New Zealand Middle part the wind hauled around to E. & then we had a head wind & we handed our light sails being the weather was some squally & looked bad &c Latter part the same kind of weather but we made all sail & stood to the E. &c

Friday April 12th

The first part of these 24 hours some squally but we had all sail set & heading to the S. being we had a head wind & could not do any better nor correct E. by S. Middle part about the same &c Latter part pleasant & the wind hauled around to the South & we altered our course again E. with all sail set

Saturday April 13th (Lat 38.00 S Lon 145.11 E)

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we had all sail set & steering E. for New Zealand & wind about S.W. Middle part good weather & we had all sail set & steering E. Latter part the same

Sunday April 14th (Lat 39.00 S Lon 150.45 E)

The first part of these 24 hours good weather & we had all sail set & steering E. for New Holland & New Zealand Middle part it hauled up strong & it was squally & we handed our light sails & double reefed our topsails &c Latter part the same only blowing stronger & we had our boats hoisted up on the upper cranes & we were steering E. by S. & wind about N. & we are running under double reef topsails & correes bound for New Zealand