

on Board Bark Abner Barker on New Zealand off French ^{rock}

Wednesday June 10th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours strong breezes from the South we were under double reef topsails & could not head to the South with the wind from the Eastward. Middle part strong breezes from the South we were under short sail. Latter part strong breezes from the South we were under double reef topsails & heading to the South with the wind from the E. & our men have been employed at ship duties &c.

Thursday June 11th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours strong breezes from the S. E. we were under double reef topsails & heading to the South. At 6 P.M. we shortened sail. Middle part strong winds from the North we were under short sail & about 12 o'clock at night we heaved our head yards back to day, & till morning. Latter part blowing a gale from the North we made a little sail & steered South to get out clear from the French rock &c.

Friday June 12th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours blowing a gale from the North & we were trying to under a close reef main topsail & middle part we stand half mast &c. Latter part blowing a gale from the North we were trying to under a close reef main topsail &c. At 11 o'clock we had every thing taken out of the boat. Latter part about the same only more raining & thick.

Saturday June 13th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours the gale let go & the wind was blowing about to a westerly & we were still under a close reef main topsail &c. At 4 P.M. the wind hauled around to the Westward & the weather cleared off. Middle part strong breezes from the West we were under long sail & by the part tack &c. Latter part good weather but a hubbub & we made some sail & we headed to the W. N. W. by the wind on the part tack & our men have been employed at ship duties &c. &c.

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Sunday June 14th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we were under easy sail & heading to the W. by the wind on the part tack with the wind from the South. Middle part, pleasant & we had a whale main topsail set & steering W. N. W. with a light breeze from the South. Latter part about calm & we made all sail & heading to the westward &c.

Monday June 15th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & about calm & we had all sail set & heading to the westward &c. At 6 P.M. we shortened & steering West with a light breeze from the North. Middle part quite good weather with the wind from the North & we were under short sail & steering West. Latter part it blowed up strong & it rained & we shortened sail &c.

Tuesday June 16th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours it cleared up raining & we were under short sail & heading to the W. N. W. At 6 P.M. we fired our four topsail &c. Middle part commenced with a calm or a strain squall & it cleared off & the wind hauled around to the South. Latter part good weather with the wind from the South & we made sail & steered to the North & our men have been employed at making our close mizen into a Spanish.

Wednesday June 17th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours good weather with the wind from the South & we are steering to the North &c. At 1 P.M. we raised a humpback & our men were still employed at fixing our close mizen turning it into a Spanish & at 6 P.M. we shortened sail &c. Middle part good weather & we were under short sail & steering N. E. &c. Latter part good weather & we made all sail & it day broke & we raised a school of sperm whales & we heard all 4 boats & we struck & by midday weather & we got 2 & I went down with a line &c.