

whaling grounds

on Board Bark *Alma* Barker & on New Zealand,

Sunday April 18-1869

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we were under all sail in company with the *Coral* & we saw several other sails & our men have been employed at mending our old spenker &c &c at 6 P.M. we shortened sail &c Middle part pleasant & we were under short sail &c Latter part pleasant & we made all sail in company with the *Coral* & several other sails were in sight &c

Monday April 19-1869

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we were under all sail & we jammed with the *Coral* & *Albin* & *Minerva* &c &c P.M. we shortened sail Middle part pleasant & we were under easy sail &c Latter part pleasant & we made all sail & the sails were altered other sails in sight &c *Coral* &c &c our men have been employed at ships duties &c

Tuesday April 20-1869

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we were under all sail & several other ships were in sight out far off & at 6 P.M. we shortened sail Middle part pleasant & we were under short sail Latter part pleasant & we jammed with the *Coral* & *Albin* & *Minerva* &c &c P.M. we went into mangrove & stayed 2 weeks in there & about up some topmasts & got 2 new boats &c &c

Wednesday May 8-1869

We weighed our anchors & went to sea with a fair wind from the N.W. Middle & latter part strong winds from the N.W. our men have been employed at ships duties &c

Thursday May 9-1869

The first part of these 24 hours strong winds from the west & we were under all sail & steering N.E. & at 7 P.M. we shortened sail &c Middle & latter part pleasant & we raised sail about 8 P.M.

on Board Bark *Alma* Barker & off French

Monday May 10-1869

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we were under all sail & steering for the ship *Liza* from 10 at 3 P.M. we our captain went on board & the vessel bound into the Bay of Islands & at 7 P.M. we shortened sail & jammed until 10 in the eve, sail Middle part strong winds & we were under short sail Latter part at blow a gale & we were trying to make close reef & maintain sail the weather being thick

Tuesday May 11-1869

The first part of these 24 hours blowing strong & raining & we were lying to under close reef & maintain sail Middle part blowing a gale from the S. & we were trying to make close reef & maintain sail &c towards noon it moderated Latter part thick & some squally, not so much wind & we made all sail &c

Wednesday May 12-1869

The first part of these 24 hours strong winds from the S. & we were under all sail & steering N.E. Middle part blowing a gale & we were under close reef & maintain sail Latter part the same only the wind & the vessel moved to the south & we altered N. by W.

Thursday May 13-1869

The first part of these 24 hours blowing a gale from the S. & we were under all sail & steering N.E. Middle part strong winds & we were under short sail Latter part quite easy & the wind & we made sail & steered to the S. E. with the wind from the S. E. &c

Friday May 14-1869

The first part of these 24 hours strong winds from the S. & we were under all sail & steering N.E. Middle part strong winds & we were under short sail Latter part pleasant & we made sail & steered to the S. E. &c