

Ship Columbia from Sunday Island looking to the Eastward

Monday Feb. 19th 1844 All the 24 hours very strong winds from S.E. with fair weather steering S.E. first part light Sails furled middle part one reef in the Top Sails latter part all Sails set saw Blackfish several.
Lat by Obs. 27.31 S Long by Obs. 152.38

Tuesday Feb. 20th 1844 Commences with brisk winds and fair weather steering N.E. by N. with all Sails set middle and latter part cloudy so ends.
Lat by Obs. 25.22 Long by Obs. 146.30

Wednesday Feb. 21st 1844 Commences with brisk winds and thick weather steering N.E. at 4 P.M. saw a Shoal of sperm Whales half past 5 got up with them and lowered the boats chased until 11 o'clock came on but without success at 8 took up the boats kept off N.E. made all Sails middle and latter brisk winds thick and cloudy so ends.
Lat by Obs. 22.37 Long by Obs. 159.40 West.

Thursday Feb. 22nd 1844 Commences with a brisk wind from the S.E. with thick weather and sun rain steering N.E. at 6 P.M. brought the ship under 3 double reef Top Sails and fore Sails at 11 the wind backed round to the North at 12 weeded to the Eastward at 2 o'clock were round to the Westward at daylight made all Sails at 6 were round to the Eastward wind at North at 9 o'clock shot in thick and raining put 2 reefs in the Top Sails took in the gill and spanker so ends.
No Observations Sun Obscured

Friday Feb. 23rd thick weather light air baffling winds round

Saturday Feb. 24th 1844 Commences with a moderate breeze from the Eastward with thick weather steering to the Westward at 7 P.M. shortened Sails middle part light baffling winds all round the compass with a good deal of rain at daylight the wind sprang up from the Eastward made all Sails and kept off N.E. at 7 A.M. saw 1 Ship half past 7 made the land Rotonga Island bearing N.W. by S distance by observation 55 miles at 10 spoke the Ship Franklin New Bedford 10 men on the deck 400 Whales went on board and got my letters and spent the day so ends.

Ship Columbia White off Rotonga Island.

Sunday 25th 1844 Commences with moderate breezes from the Eastward with fair weather off and on in company with the Franklin middle part much the same at 4 P.M. stood in and sent a raft of bark on shore for water at 10 took it on board and got another raft ready to go on shore the Ship friend of Greenport came down off the Isle 5 months out 1000 Whales present weather so ends.

Monday February 26th 1844 Commences with moderate breezes with rain at 5 P.M. the boat returned from shore turned on and stowed the water down off deck middle part more moderate ship off 8 on at 7 P.M. took a raft of bark on shore for potatoes took the raft of water off and stowed it away so ends.

Tuesday 27th Feb. 1844 Commences with moderate partly winds employed getting off Potatoes and fruit at 9 P.M. returned from the shore kept off and run down to the leeward of the Island middle part present ship off 8 on latter part the boat on shore on liberty one goats came on shore trading for Eggs while on shore I received a Note from the other station from Capt West stating that his Ship the Heron and the South Boston Capt Crowell were off the other station which caused me to come on board and make all Sails on the Ship for them so ends.

Wednesday Feb. 28th 1844 Commences with brisk trades and pleasant weather worked up and spoke the Heron we then kept off and ran down back again at 6 P.M. the liberty men came off braced full and stood off shore at 8 Capt Crowell & Capt West and his mate Mr. Smith came on board middle part very light air at 1 P.M. let the other half of the boat go on shore brisk trades so ends. The day before the ship arrived 32 months out 4000 Whales bound to the North West.

Thursday 29th Feb. 1844 Commences with brisk trade and fair weather ship off 8 on at 6 P.M. the liberty men came off middle part very moderate the South Boston and Heron left at 7 A.M. sent her third on shore at 11 returned brought 6 passengers for Mangiaia with three Duraga took them on board made Sails stood to West 6. so ends.