

Whip Cambria While Cruising in the North Pacific

Monday Decr. 20th 1847 Commences with a moderate breeze from the Eastward with cloudy weather steering by the wind to the North at sunset took in the light sails hauled up the Courses at 12 mid night a Bark passed down across our stern just out of the speaking distance at half past 4 A.M. as soon as the men got to the mast head saw Whales lost aboard the ship wore round out their way made sail at 5 wore back at half past 5 saw the Whales a head sun distance off appeared to be sun gullies half past 6 lowered 2 Boats not able to man the other having one blind and 3 or 4 cripples myself both hands tied up but that don't stop me from going in the boats struck and killed one Whale at 9 took him to the ship wore round and commenced cutting at 11 finished made sail by the wind to the North so ends. Lat by Obs. 30.14 South

Tuesday Decr. 21st 1847 Commences with a moderate breeze from the Eastward with cloudy weather employed clearing away the Head and cutting up the Hauler at sunset took in the light sails hauled up the fore sail & wore ship middle part very moderate at daylight wore ship made sail commenced boiling latter part brisk winds at Eastward a heavy head sea Dec. 6 Lat by Obs. 30.02 South.

Wednesday Decr. 22nd 1847 Commences with a brisk wind at East with cloudy weather steering by the wind to the N.N.E. employed boiling at sunset took in the light sails middle part considerable head sea on at daylight set the M.S.E. sails half past 6 A.M. finished boiling at 9 wore ship set the Main Course half past 9 took in the Main S.E. sail. remainder part (brisk winds from the Eastward with fair weather so ends.

Lat by Obs. 29.15 Long by Obs. 179.05

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Thursday Decr. 23rd 1847 Commences with a brisk wind from the Eastward with fair weather steering by the wind to the S.E. at sunset took in the Courses and wore ship half past 10 wore back middle part moderate at daylight made sail as soon as it got light saw Macaulay Island bearing East Dist about 20 miles saw a ship to the Eastward of us at 10 miles Macaulay Rocks bearing S.E. at 9 A.M. tacked to the N.E. remainder part fine breeze and fair weather so ends. Macaulay Island bearing 84.51 miles Lat by Obs. 30.09 Long by Obs. 178.42

Friday Decr. 24th 1847 Commences with brisk trades with sun foggy at 2 P.M. took in the S. Gails and fly jib at 7 put 2 reefs in the top sails took in the Courses at midnight saw Sunday Island bearing N.E. 15 or 20 miles distance at 3 A.M. set the Courses at daylight let the reef out half past 5 made all sail at 9 A.M. tacked for the Island latter part brisk trades and cloudy got a raft of cash way to go on shore for water so ends.

Saturday Decr. 25th 1847 Commences with a brisk wind from the Eastward half past 12 sent 2 boats in with the raft at 6 P.M. one boat returned Mr. West and his crew stopped so as to have the raft ready by times in the morning middle part stood off and on half past 5 A.M. sent 2 boats in to help tow the raft off at 9 they returned hoisted it in & then took a crew and went on shore to settle for the refreshments we had and to get some more employed on board stowing away the water so ends.

Sunday Decr. 26th 1847 Commences with a brisk wind from the E.N.E. at 2 P.M. I returned with a boat load of Pumpkins, Corn, Potatoes Onions and cabbage discharged the boat and steered by the wind to the S.E. at 7 P.M. put 2 reefs in the Top Sails took in the fly spanker middle part brisk winds at 8 A.M. set the Main Sail Jib & spanker latter part brisk wind from N.E. and cloudy so ends. Lat by Obs. 30.19 Long by Obs. 177.25 West