

Ship Cambria While Cruising in the South Pacific

Thursday Decr. 27th 1848 Commences with half a gale from the Eastward, with fair weather standing to the NNE at sunset took in the fore sail & hauled it up, at daylight set the fore sail at 6 A.M. kept off West at 7 on bent the fore & bent another repaired the one on bent kept about 12 or 15 mile to the North of Macauley's or Great Island a moderate gale at East with fair weather and by Obs. 29° 55' Long by Alt. 179° 16' West.

Friday Decr. 28th 1848. All there 24 hours half a gale of wind from the Eastward middle part bore sea heading to the South's edge & latter part steering off under short sail sounds.

Lat by Obs. 30° 21' Long by Alt. 180° 47' West.

Saturday Decr. 29th 1848. Commences with a fresh wind at East with fair weather steered S.W. until 6 A.M. then luffed to the wind to the South at sunset shortened sail middle & latter part more moderate latter part fresh & fair weather sounds.

Lat by Obs. 31° 31' Long by Alt. 181° 43' West.

Sunday Decr. 31st 1848 Commences with a fine breeze at East with fair weather steering by the wind to the South at 6 P.M. kept off W by S & steered so through the night at daylight luffed to the wind for something, we called Whales but they proved to be some other sort of monster. latter part under the Albatross in sight to the Westward 40 miles.

Lat by Obs. 32° 05' South.

Monday January 1st 1849 Commences with a calm at 1 P.M. I took a boat and went to the Albatross as he had his flag set for me found them like ourselves long some as dogs but not see a whale since he had lunched at 10 P.M. returned at 11 took a breeze from the S.W. steered East & N.E. & N.E. through the remainder part of these 24 hours sounds.

Lat by Obs. 32° 00' Long 181° 25' West.

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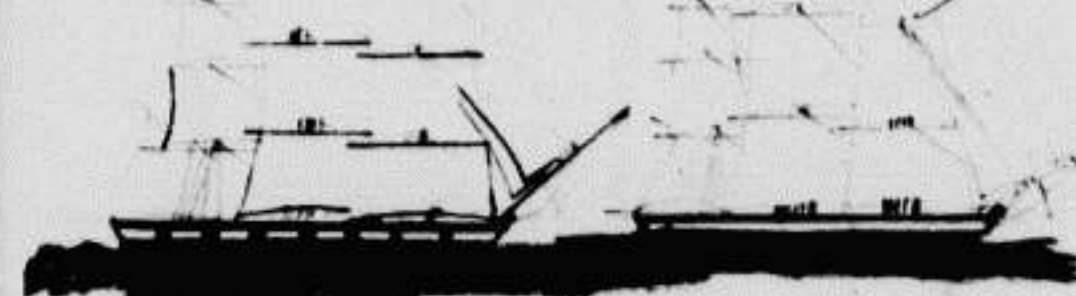
Tuesday Jan. 2nd 1849 Commences with a fine breeze from the S.W. with squally rainy weather at 5 took in the S.G. sails & hauled it up in a squall of wind and rain half past 6 the weather lighted up some saw Whales close to the ship luffed the ship to the wind and got 2 boats down as quick as possible but it being so near dark we had but very little chance as the Whales were going away quick at half past 7 boats returned without success took in at sail but did not haul in top sail and steered N by W the course the Whales were found at daylight luffed to the wind at the top sails at 6 P.M. covered ship to the Eastward and at 11 sail latter part fine breeze from the South and pleasant employed catching the deck and repairing the rigging & sails. 2 objects in sight to the South.

Lat by Obs. 31° 21' South Long by Alt. 180° 29' West.

Wednesday Jan. 3rd 1849. All there 24 hours a fine breeze from the S.E. with pleasant weather steering by the wind employed catching the quarter deck 2 ship in sight to the N.W. made.

Lat by Obs. 31° 21' Long 180° 15' West.

Thursday Jan. 4th 1849 Commences with a fine breeze from the E.S.E. with pleasant weather half past 3 P.M. spoke the ship James Monroe of San Haven 14 months out 2000 lbs. sperm and the ship Rodman of New Bedford 14 months out 2000 lbs. middle part light air in the morning I went on board of the J. Monroe and bought a boat and a pair of him 107 gals of. No later for her at 9 left him steering off to the S.W. latter part a light air from the N.W. Lat by Obs. 30° 53' Long 179° 36' West.



Friday Jan. 5th 1849 All there 24 hours moderate breeze from the S.W. with pleasant weather steering S.E. and E.S.E. latter part fresh breeze in sight to the Westward. Employed catching ship & making battise. No observation.

Saturday January 6th 1849 Commences with a moderate breeze from the S.W. steering to the S.E. at sunset shortened sail and luffed to the wind to the North middle part moderate latter part the same all sail set Lat by Obs. 31° 24' Long by Alt. 177° 43' West.