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North West
Saturday July 22nd 1848

Light winds from the SSE and foggy. Drizzle weather. Heading S.W. Nothing seen. Midale part the weather continued the same. Latter part light breeze from the SSE and fog squalls. Saw a whale going fast to the S. Employed in chasing. 58.19
146.21

Sunday July 23rd

Light winds from the S.E. and fine weather. Heading N.E. Looked for a whale without success. At 8 lowered for another that had a horn in him but he was too shy. Midale part moderate with fog squalls. Latter part smart breeze from the E and dark cloudy squally weather. Quite rough. Employed in steering down. Saw a whale but did not lower.

Monday July 24th

Smart breeze from the E with dark clouds. Squally weather. Heading N. At 8 finished steering down. Saw 2 humpbacks. Midale part calmed down again. Latter part strong breeze from the WNE with fog squalls and drizzle. Lowered twice for whale without success.

Tuesday July 25th

Strong breeze from the WNE and rugged with fog squalls. Heading NW. Looked for 3 whales but could not strike. A ship in sight to the N. toiling. Midale part moderate and drizzle. Latter part a heavy wind from the E with fog squalls.

Wednesday July 26th

Light winds from the E and fog squalls. Saw 5 whales going quick to the N. Lowered but could not strike. A ship to the SE a toiling. Midale part breeze up to a moderate gale and drizzle. Latter part the weather continued the same until 11 when it began to moderate.

Thursday July 27th

Light winds from the E and foggy drizzle weather. At 3 the fog lifted. Made sail. At 4 thick fog again. Saw nothing. Midale part heavy winds and drizzle. Latter part light winds from the E and a dry fog. At 10 calm.

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Friday July 28th 1848

Commenced with a calm and a thick dry fog. At 3 a light wind sprang up from the NW with a heavy damp fog heading to the W. Midale part the wind shifted to the NW but continued foggy. Latter part smart breeze from the SW and fog. At 10 cleared up some. Saw a whale going to NE. Made sail and chased. Ship going 9 knots.

Saturday July 29th

Strong breeze from the SW and dark cloudy rugged weather. Chasing the whale till 2 and then run out to him with the ship but he would neither alter his course nor speed. Saw Grampus. Steering E by N 9 knots. At 7 saw a great many whales. Lowered but could not strike. Midale part breeze on. Latter part blowing a moderate gale from the NW and very rugged. Saw many whales but could not lower on account of weather. Two sail in sight. 58.18
146.10

Sunday July 30th

Flowing a moderate gale from the NW and very rugged. Saw many whales but did not lower. Went to the fore for sail and bent another. Midale part the weather the same. Latter part blowing strong and very rugged. Saw 2 whales. 58.09
146.17

Monday July 31st

Flowing strong from the NW and very rugged but moderate a little. Set whole top sail and steered NW. Nothing seen. Midale part moderate. Latter part light winds from the W and dark cloudy weather. Set all sail and heading to the Eastward. Not at all sport to be seen. 58.14
146.51

Tuesday August 1st

Light breeze from the W and dark cloudy weather. All sail set heading to the wind to the NW. At 8 single reefed the top sail. A sail in sight toiling. Midale part light winds. Heading N. Latter part light air and calm with light shower. Saw fin back. 58.40
145.25

Wednesday August 2nd

At 3 a light breeze sprang up from the S. All sail set heading W. Saw fin back and a ship. At 6 saw her strike a whale and lose him. Spoke the Minerva 1500. At 8 calm. At 9 a heavy breeze from the E with fog. Heading NE. Latter part blowing strong from the E and drizzle rugged weather. Saw fin back. At 10 more ship to the S.