

C. W. Mearns, Boats to the Tropic Islands
Sunday May 7th 1844

Begins with strong winds from E. & S. & S. W. the Middle part held up N. E. S. at 4 P. M. Saw a large H. whale & landed. Arrived him at 10 took him along side ~~and~~ got ready to cut but gave it up ~~being~~ being too small. Lat 23° 15' N Long 178° 54' W

Monday May 10th
Begins with strong winds and rough weather. Arrived by the whale at 8 P. M. some cutting but at 10 gave it up, this being a heavy swell on the water. Lat 23° 15' N Long 178° 50' W

Tuesday May 11th 1844
Begins with strong winds and rough weather. Arrived by the whale at 7 P. M. some cutting across the deck it being very rough so was then 23 hours.

Wednesday May 12th
Begins with heavy weather at 1 P. M. got the body in and took her to the head starting off to the N. W. & sailing 6 miles.

Thursday May 13th
Begins with heavy weather at 2 P. M. took in this junk and let the sail go, the latter part more moderate & starting N. W. at 4 P. M. Cold down so small. Lat 23° 15' N Long 178° 50' W

Friday May 14th 1844
Begins with fresh winds from the South and S. W. the Middle part starting N. W. at 10 P. M. saw the Island of Carlow bearing S. W. the latter a beating round the South end in company with the Black of Wharfedale so small.

Saturday May 15th
Begins with fine weather at 7 P. M. got received the land latter part starting N. E. the bark out of sight within the latter part fresh winds and starting to the North. Lat 23° 15' N Long 178° 50' W

Tropic Islands
Sunday May 16th

Begins with strong winds and starting to the North at 9 P. M. Left to the latter part starting for Low Island and the canoe some of so small. Lat 23° 15' N Long 178° 50' W

Monday May 17th
Begins with strong winds and breezing of Low Island the latter part strong winds and small. Lat 23° 15' N Long 178° 50' W

Tuesday May 18th
Begins with strong winds and weather to the North the Middle and latter part strong winds and employed Murelins a three boat so small.

Wednesday May 19th
Begins with strong winds and breezing of Low Island at 5 P. M. a bark in sight to windward at 9 P. M. saw whales at 10 landed and took a calf at Murelins took him along side ~~and~~ small.

Thursday May 20th
Begins with strong winds and squalls at 12 P. M. took the whale in at 4 P. M. some sailing at 5 P. M. Cold down the latter part strong winds and a bark in sight. Lat 23° 15' N Long 178° 50' W

Friday May 21st
Begins with strong winds and saw nothing of note at 10 P. M. saw a bark a whaling to windward so small.

Saturday May 22nd
Begins with fine weather and a sunrise saw a bark at 2 P. M. saw her taking whales along side the latter part strong winds and to the North of Low Island. Lat 23° 15' N Long 178° 50' W

Sunday May 23rd
Begins with whales in sight to windward at 2 P. M. took him in at 5 P. M. took him along side ~~and~~ Lat him in & some sailing the latter part saw whales landed & landed at 8 P. M. some on board. Lat 23° 15' N Long 178° 50' W