

Ship's Journal of Nelson's 1842

Sunday Begins this day with fresh breeze from the S.W. and cloudy
March 20 started the boats Middle and Latter fresh sails
Employed in boiling saw several whales. By the day
with foggy weather and mixed whaling three ships in
sight and 6 boiling

No Observations

Monday Commenced this day with light breeze and thick fog and rain
March 21 weather became S.W. Middle and Latter the same
Killed a number of whales but could not get one further
boiling three ships in sight

Latitude 45°38'

Tuesday Begins this day with light breeze and thick fog and rain
March 22 heavy Middle and Latter fresh sails and
Latitude 45°35' Long 178°45'

Wednesday Commenced this day with more moderate weather saw
March 23 3 whales young gulls to the S.W. could not get near
them Latter spoke the shore of St. Lawrence 12 miles

Latitude 45°25' Long 179°2'

Thursday Begins this day with fresh breeze from the S.W. and
March 24 Middle and Latter the same ends
Latitude 45°45' Long 181°00'

Friday Commenced this day with fresh breeze from the S.W. and
March 25 heavy weather Middle and Latter the same sails on
sail ends Latitude 46°20' Long 182°04' East

Saturday Commenced this day with fresh breeze and heavy weather
March 26 wind North saw a number of white whales loaded with
oil and killed him along side and cut him in
Middle and Latter thick heavy weather ends
Latitude 46°33'

Sunday Hard Gales from the S.W. lost the buoy to boat
March 27 shifted a sea stove the dally ends the day with heavy
breeze and squally weather

Cruising for whales off the Chatham Islands 1842

Monday Commenced this day with fresh breeze from the S.W. and
March 28 squally fresh breeze Middle more moderate set
Main tops, about the fore sail and bent another bent the
fore spruce. Started the boats, repaired the dally
two ships in sight ends the day

Latitude 45°13' Long 180°40' East

Tuesday Begins this day with more moderate weather set the
March 29 tops Middle and Latter calm saw one white whale
one ship in sight ends

Latitude 45°33' Long 181°10' East

Wednesday Commenced this day with fine breeze from the S.W. and cloudy
March 30 weather fresh boiling Middle calm Latter fresh sails from
to S.W. and squally heavy. The oil down one ship in sight

Latitude 45°55' Long 181°30'

Thursday Begins this day with hard gales as usual fresh Main
March 31 tops and took in the waste boat Middle and Latter calm
and weather the same one ship in sight

Latitude 46°10' Long 182°30'

Friday Commenced this day with harder gales and still harder
March 31 squally since 9 P.M. Latter squally saw nothing

Latitude 46°45' Long 183°40'

Saturday Begins this day with fresh breeze from the S.W. leading
March 31 by 10 o'clock saw one white whale brand new
not yet fast came on board fresh fore and main
too far to whale Middle and Latter the same

Latitude 45°54' Long 183°00'

Sunday Commenced this day with fresh breeze from S.W. and squally
April 1 Middle more moderate Latter set Main tops dally
sail and stowed North for the Chatham. 2d S. ends

Latitude 45°00' Long 182°40'

Monday Commenced this day with a heavy sea on side number whales
April 2 Middle 3 killed took along side the other 2 at 9 P.M.
from cutting finished at 3 miles and Latter foggy sails the Ch
Latitude 45°45'