

Warren
December 1852 On board Ship Sea of

Monday 27 first part fine breeze from the Eastward
steering S by W at sundown hauled topgallants
saw porpoises and fin backs a blackish part fresh
breeze from East steering under double reefed fore and
mizen top sail latter part wind and weather the same
Employed

Lat 72 miles S

Tuesday 28 fine breeze and pleasant weather
Employed at cutting over potatoes
William Perry a Canadian seaman that
the captain had told us for stealing
worked him off land and took a hatch
out of the starboard boat and cut off his right
hand in the right joint. Captain said
done all he could towards repairing the damages
But we fear that it cannot recover without an
other operation. It was the first gaff
in the line of surgery I had ever seen
and I wish it to be the last one. But the poor devil
has ruined himself for life and yet I think
he is pleased with what he has done. He has the
worst disposition of any man I ever saw. he threatened
while in port to burn the ship if he was
taken to sea in her and if he could get a chance
when the ship was off land I have no doubt
but he would put his threat in execution.
A man that will cut off one of his own limbs
I should not be allowed to run at large or
be trusted where there is a chance to destroy
life or property. But the more he gets the
worse of this move
at sundown laid the ship by the wind with
the main yard aback at daylight kept
off by the wind was the course for the recovery
order of the day Employed at setting up mason
rigging

Lat 30 miles South
Long 164 20 W

Wednesday 29 commenced with fine breeze from the
Eastward steering W by S under top sails
about mizen top gallant sail Employed at canvas
ships duty at sundown luffed by the
wind with the main yard aback kept off
to the westward at daylight latter part Employed
at rearing some of the rigging

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Weather very warm the thermometer stands at
54 in the shade Lat 1:30 S

Long 168 56 W

Thursday 30 First part fine breeze from the East
ward steering W by S Employed at setting off
Every thing at 11 o'clock at 12 luffed by the
wind to the Southward with the main yard
aback at 1 o'clock P.M. kept off S by W
under topgallant sails latter part saw blackbird
Employed at repairing rigging on the rigging

Lat 2:33 South
Long 170 56 W

Friday 31 first part light S by trade steering
S by W at sundown hauled the light sails
at 8 o'clock am luffed by the wind to the Southward
with the main yard aback at sundown saw
land bearing E distant 10 miles were ship
and stood in shore as close as we dare to and
then the mate went in with a boat to see if
he could find a place to land But he returned
in a short time without affixing a land
ing saw a great many herds of different
kinds The Island appeared from the ship
to be about 3 or 3 miles long and 1 wide
we do not know for certain what Island it is
But suppose it to be Underbury if it is
its lat is 3:08 South about Long 171 44
West at 10 o'clock P.M. kept off W saw
a large albatross Employed at common ship's
duty

Lat 3:03 South
Long 171 35 West