

January 1853 On Board Ship
Monday 10 Commenced with fresh breeze
from the Westward with squalls saw 2
ships to the leeward we are doing all we
can to get to hope Island which is but
a short distance off but the wind keeps
in our teeth so we can do nothing
I saw perhaps a man dressed the wound is
closing well but I think it will be a bad
thing if it is not covered as the skin
does not cover the flesh a middle part very
squally latter part the same Tuesday

Saw the house as it has been for the past
few days
Tuesday 11 the devil to pay all of these 24 hours
the cook has put the beer to go but still and hard
nothing but squalls all of the day and made 2 miles
to the eastward after doing all we could to get to
the westward latter part saw 3 sails
latter part
Long Port and reef

Wednesday 12 first part heavy squalls at 4 o'clock
latter part the topsails

Like the Tourment held it go

Thursday 13 of January 1853 Long 149° 30' East
Saw the same as my last date
Beyond we have had nothing but bad weather both day and
night at this rate we have seen nothing that
looks like a whale latter part of this day spoke
Sedland ship Chandler price Tabor master and the
Sedland Smith master both master of A B

Friday 14 Weather the same as usual saw a
sail or two employed at more of the
middle part squally latter part mainly employed at
latter part employed at repairing at
Long 153° 30' East

Ship Sea
January 1853

Saturday 15 this day had as usual plenty of squalls middle
part had light winds from the Eastward
Heaving at 6 by West for hope Island at daylight
Saw the land bearing 1° 15' N distant 3 miles
latter part 3 barrels came off from a small boat
bringing 4 few coconuts for trade they wanted nothing
but tobacco or 8 shillings for
from 5 till 12 P.M. had a very heavy rain
so ends the sailors cannot leave the ship
as we have lost sight of the land

Sunday 16 commenced thick and rainy at 2
o'clock at 4 o'clock saw hope Island
bearing 1° distant 10 miles at 4 o'clock
the sailors left middle part had a little
of all kinds at 4 o'clock P.M. saw 2
in whales killed still hands were lowered all
the boats chaired till 10 o'clock could not
strike saw bad weather coming we gave
up the chase and started for the ship
It was the worst time I ever saw in
at boat but as good luck would have it
we all reached the ship in safety got on
board at 11 o'clock P.M. doubtless reefed
the topsails saw hope Island bearing 1°
distant 12 miles saw 2 sails after the
land

Wednesday 16 All this day calm with heavy
squalls setting in all directions saw one sail to the
Eastward sent a fore top sail and a small boat
to the leeward boat for them without
success The captain is very busy at our
being at sea
Long 170° 40' South
Long 176° 10' East

Thursday 17 commenced calm and
saw at setting up the main rigging
one sail in sight
Saw one the latter boat for a
sharp without success middle part
had light winds from the Eastward
Heaving 4 by 1 at 4 o'clock P.M. saw rocks
Island at 10 barrels at back to trade with
the sailors sent the new boat in search
to ship to get some potatoes for the