

October 1853

Sunday 10 all this day fine weather and light breeze from the N^W steering to the southward at 12 o'clock B. G. saw American Island bearing S 86 distant about 60 miles

Lat 78° 42' N

Long 157° 10' East

Tuesday 11 this day commenced with light wind from the Northward with pleasant weather steering direct for American Island the boat very well employed at scraping bone and repairing spunkies middle part passed through the heaviest straits latter part employed at scraping bone and repairing strain topmast stay and saw finbacks

Lat 78° 37' N

Long 152° 30' E

Wednesday 12 commenced with light winds from N^W steering by the wind to the S 6

at 6 o'clock A. G. saw American Island bearing S 70 distant 80 miles and company Island bearing S 70 distant 60 miles we are on the Pacific once more bound for the Sandwich Islands God grant we may have it speedy passage

Middle part fresh breeze from S^W steering by the wind to the eastward under all sail latter part the same employed at scraping bone and mending sail

Lat 78° 24' N

Long 158° 54' E

Thursday 13 1853 commenced with light winds from Southward steering by the wind to the eastward employed at scraping bone

Middle part fresh breeze from East steering by the wind to the southward latter part the same employed at scraping bone

Lat 78° 24' N

Long 154° 20' East

Friday 14 first part of this light breeze from East steering by the wind to the southward employed at scraping bone mending sail and stowing down some oil we had on deck at 5 o'clock commenced to rain with fresh breeze from S 6 We have a fair prospect for a Murmy at night

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Saturday 21 first part of this day blowing heavy from S 6 laying by the wind on the Starboard tack under close reefed main top sail and main Spencer at 12 o'clock A. G. wore moderate S 6 B. G. hauled S 6 set fore top sail and kept off boat this was the heaviest blow we have had since we left shore all the damage it done us was to stove the bow boat latter part of the day had fine breeze from west steering E by S had a heavy sea well could not carry much sail

Lat 72° 10' N

Long 161° 20' E

Saturday 22 first part of this day fine breeze from N^W weather thick and cloudy steering S 6 by E middle part the latter strong breeze bore S 6 by E

Long 167° 10' East

Lat 72° N

Sunday 23 first part strong breeze from S^W with frequent squalls running under double reef

Here is another half finished day a coast never seen I am just at well off us if it was finished