

Remarks on Board the Bark Tora on a

Wednesday Nov 20th 1839

First part of this day light breeze from the N.E. at 5 P.M. upon ship heading to the N.W. at 5 P.M. hauled one head of horse Middle part a light breeze at 5 A.M. steered S.W. by S latter part a fine breeze and pleasant weather. Lat 35.46 Long 175.37 West

Thursday Nov 21st 1839

First part of this day a fine breeze and from the N.N.W. and pleasant weather steering S.W. by S Per compass at 6 1/2 P.M. saw a large school of sperm whales at sun set came up with them and hoisted our boats but without success at 8 P.M. shortened sail steering by the wind to the West Middle part a brisk breeze latter part the same and steadily steering S.W. by S Per compass Lat 36.48 Long 176.28 West

Friday Nov 22nd 1839

First part of this day a fine breeze and southerly steering S.W. by W Per compass Middle part a light breeze latter part calm Lat 37.13 Long 176.50

Saturday Nov 23rd 1839

Fore part of this day calm Middle and latter part a light breeze from the N.E. steering S.W. at 6 A.M. saw a right whale hoisted our boats and chased 2 hours then on our board saw number of fin backs. Lat 37.30 Long 177.21

Making Voyages Humphrey Sherman Master

Sunday Nov 24th 1839

Fore part of this day light breeze from the N steering S.W. Per compass Middle part a brisk breeze from the N.W. at 7 A.M. saw a right whale at 9 A.M. hoisted our boats the Larboard boat struck and ribbed and sunk saw a number of fin backs latter part a strong breeze steering S.W. Lat 38.37 Long 178.24

Monday Nov 25th 1839

Fore part a strong breeze from the N.N.W. steering S.W. Per compass Middle and latter part light breeze and foggy at 9 A.M. sent down the fore top gale and top gable mast Lat 39.50 Long 179.53 East

Tuesday Nov 26th 1839

Fore part of this day strong breeze from the N.N.W. steering S.W. by S Per compass at 4 P.M. double reefed the top sails and took in the L.B. saw a school of black fish and a number of fin backs Middle part a brisk gale at 10 P.M. took in the fore sail and reefed the main top sail latter part more moderate set the fore sail and fore topsail and main sail and L.B. Lat 41.20 Long 178.00 East

Wednesday Nov 27th 1839

Fore part a fresh gale at 1 P.M. took in the L.B. at 3 P.M. took in the main sail and fore top sail and from the N.W. steering S.W. by S Per compass Middle part the same latter part more moderate set the fore sail and fore topsail at 8 A.M. took in the main sail and fore top sail at 11 1/2 A.M. moderate set the fore top sail and main sail and L.B. saw nothing remarkable this day. Lat 42.21 Long 177.32