

Remarks on board the Bark *Cora* on a Whaling voyage
Humphrey Shearman Master

Thursday May 7th 1840
Fore part a brisk breeze from S.E. and
pleasant weather steering S.W. by W at 6 P.M.
lost sight of the French Rock bearing S.W. by E
Distance 5 leagues at sunset both in sight
Middle part Strong breeze at 12 took in the
Fore sail and hauled the main top sail aboard
at 6 A.M. saw the coral Rock bearing E by N
and Macauley Island bearing N.E. Distance
10 leagues latter part Strong breeze from E steering
by the wind to N.E. Lat 30.17 Long 179.18

Friday May 8th 1840

Fore part Strong breeze from E steering by the
wind to N.E. at 2 P.M. saw Sunday Island
bearing N.E. at sunset both E by E Distance
8 leagues lost sight of Macauley bearing S.W. by E
Distance 11 leagues at sunset both in sight
Fore top sail and double reef the main top sail
at 12 noon ship and at 3 A.M. wore ship
at 8 A.M. wore ship again the island bearing
N.E. Distance 12 miles at 9 A.M. tacked
ship and stood in shore Lat 29.19 Long 179.20

Saturday May 9th 1840

Fore part strong breeze from E and squally at
1 P.M. the Harbour boat went on shore and
got 2 B.P. of potatoes at sunset top in sight and
kind of shore to S. Middle part lost sight of and
on from the land at 6 A.M. the Island bore
N.E. Distance 4 leagues latter part barometer
weather it steering by the wind to N.E.
at noon the the Island bore N.E. Distance 12 leagues

Sunday May 10th 1840

Fore part a brisk Gale from E.S.E. at 3 P.M. lost
sight of the land bearing S Distance 20 leagues
latter part strong breeze and a heavy sea
steering by the wind to N.E. by N Lat 28.17
Long 178.17

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Monday May 11th 1840

Fore part a strong breeze from E by S steering
by the wind to N.E. latter part a fine
breeze from S.E. steering by the wind
to N.E. fine pleasant weather Lat 26.52 Long 176.34 W

Tuesday May 12th 1840

Fore part a fine breeze from E and fine pleasant
weather steering by the wind N.E. latter part
the same at 6 A.M. saw a school of Sperm
Whales towed our boats and galled with
ship Lat 25.54 Long 176.09

Wednesday May 13th 1840

Fore part a fine breeze from E.S.E. and fine
pleasant weather latter part a strong breeze
at 8 A.M. saw a Sperm whale at 11 A.M.
towed our boats Harbour boat struck and
killed Lat 25.45 Long 176.00

Thursday May 14th 1840

Fore part a strong breeze from E.S.E. and
cloudy at 3 P.M. took the whale along side
at 4 commenced cutting at dark stop cutting
at 6 A.M. commenced cutting latter part fine
pleasant weather Lat 25.30 Long 176.30

Friday May 15th 1840

Fore part of this day a fine breeze from Eastward
and fine pleasant weather employed in
cutting at 6 P.M. finish cutting both the
case and a fluke threw the case sunken
and drew 2 ring bottles Middle part steering
by the wind to N.W. wind from N.E. at 7 A.M.
wore ship heading to E.S.E. fine pleasant
weather employed in bottling

Lat 25.13
Long 176.43 W