

Remarks on board the Bark Cora on a Whaling Voyage
Humphrey Shearman Master

Friday July 31st 1840

All this day fine breeze and pleasant weather wind from E steering S W at 1 P M spoke the Lave of New Bedford the Capt went on board the vessel employed in ship duty Lat 19.23 Long 153.35

Saturday August 1st 1840

Fore part a fine breeze from NE steering S W fine pleasant weather employed in framing the boats & ships in sight at 3 A M the wind hauled to NE steering by the wind to S W Lat 20.24 Long 154.03

Sunday August 2nd 1840

Fore part a fine breeze from W and variable weather steering by the wind to S W at 4 P M spoke the Lave of New Bedford the Capt came on board at 8 P M tackt ship heading to N W at 5 A M the wind veered to W tackt ship heading to S W Lat 20.43 Long 153.55

Monday August 3rd 1840

Fore part a fine breeze from S W steering by the wind to S E at 5 P M tackt ship heading to N W with sail set at 10 P M calm latter part the same at 7 A M took in the Larboard Boat to mend Lat 20.49 Long 153.55

Tuesday August 4th 1840

Fore part calm at 2 P M put out the Larboard Boat at 9 P M a light breeze from N steering W S W latter part the same Lat 21.05 Long 153.55

Wednesday August 5th 1840

Fore part strong breeze from N steering W S W at 2 P M the wind hauled to N W strong breeze at 5 P M double reef the topsails at 5 A M fine pleasant weather wind from S W steering by the wind to N W latter part the same at 2 P M got a Runer Observation by measuring the distance of the sun from Noon Long by Lunar 155.18 Lat 21.01 Long by Chron 155.18

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Thursday August 6th 1840

Fore part light breeze from S at 5 P M to 9 calm at 9 slight breeze from E NE steering W by S per compass employed in setting up rigging Lat 20.44 Long 156.18

Friday August 7th 1840

Fore part a fine breeze from E NE steering W by S per compass fine pleasant weather employed in setting up rigging at 8 A M the wind hauled to S W by N steering by the wind to Westward Lat 21.01 Long 158.00

Saturday August 8th 1840

Fore part light breeze from N W steering W by S at 8 P M the wind hauled back to S W steering by the wind to W Middle part rainy latter part pleasant weather Lat 20.44 Long 158.44

Sunday August 9th 1840

Fore part light breeze from S W steering by the wind to W S W at 10 P M the wind hauled to W iron ship steering by wind to S S W rather strong breeze from at 10 A M took in Main top gallant sail Lat 21.17 Long 158.45

Monday August 10th 1840

Fore part strong breeze from S W by W steering by the wind to S E at 4 P M saw the Island of Mangaea bearing SE Distance 10 leagues at 4 P M wore ship at sunset took sight of the Island latter part strong breeze from S W at 10 A M wore ship heading to S E Lat 20.50 Long 159.30

Tuesday August 11th 1840

All this day a fine breeze from S W and pleasant weather at 8 A M tackt ship heading to S E at 9 A M saw the island of Ourete bearing S W Distance 10 leagues Lat 21.02 Long 159.30 Long by Chron 159.40