

Tigs down

Friday April 15th 1870

Last night had fresh wind from S.W. and rain. Steering S.W. Carrying all sail. Latter part of the night shortened sail to reefed topsails and wind hauled to W. and cleared off. At 7 in the morning let all sail, heading N.W. & a fine breeze. Saw a Finback, Cooper, Carpenter & blacksmith employed, fitting new Lib pendents, put good gaskets on the yards, killed 23^d Bullocks and have two left.

Lat by obs N 46, 12 Long by Ch 170, 04 W
Saturday April 16th

Last night had a fresh breeze from W.S.W. and heading N.W. Carrying all sail till midnight then had snow squalls and more wind, so we shortened sail, but made all sail in the morning & had good weather through the day, heading N.W. & N.W. by N. Finished blacksmithing and stowed the forge away. Carpenter put a hook on the water chest door. Cooper making blocks, made a new pair of Lib whips. Pleasant wind from W. and a big swell from W.S.W. Another snow squall.

Lat by obs N 48, 21 Long by Ch 170, 38
Sunday April 17th

Light wind from W. to N.W. & heading from N.W. to N.E. Carrying all sail and fine glass & sunny weather. Saw some kelp, dried an old Lib and the stopwits. At 4 P.M. headed N.W. & hoping we shall head up better and hope to pass the Islands to morrow night or fore with good weather and a fair wind.

Lat by obs 50, 40 Long by Ch 169, 12 West

Monday April 18th

First part fresh breeze from S.W. sailing, steering N.W. Carrying all sail. Latter part of the night took fore & Mizzen gallants down. At 9 P.M. wind hauled S.W. and moderate, kept fore & Mizzen topsails, barometer down. At 1 P.M. raised the two Islands to the west of yr passage. At 2 P.M. kept off to the N.W. & around Signum Island, at 5 P.M. past Signum, in to steering down. As we hauled to the N.W. of Signum, wind hauled on & we reefed. Strong current & short sea from N.W. Wind from W. We are lucky to go through. Killed a Bullock & one of we have one more. Saw several Finbacks of those

Tuesday April 19th

Strong wind from W. to W.S.W. heading from N.W. to N.W. Carrying whole topsails, good weather & clear. Unbent the old speaker & repaired it. Saw a buck and some Finbacks, now and then a snow squall.

Lat by obs 54, 18 W Long by Ch 173, 02
Wednesday April 20th

Moderate wind from W.S.W. to N.W. Carrying all sail, heading N.W. to N.W. by N. Some hail showers in the morning and cleared off fine weather. Broke out 17 coils of whale line and coiled 12 shot in to 4 large tubs and put the rest in to the tubs being killed all the turkeys; 5 of them & 3 has been eaten up by the dogs. Our hay is all gone so we shall have to kill the last bullock to morrow & not skin him, hang him up in his skin, to prevent him drying up, killed 6 fowls and seen the turkeys & hens in the Mizzen top in bags. I had Charles the lame shouldered gee on deck to work with one hand in carrying wood.

Lat by obs 56, 17 Long by Ch 174, 17