

Ship Courier White Whaling in the South Pacific

Wednesday Feb. 5th 1840 Commences with a moderate breeze from the Westward with fine pleasant weather at half past one took up the Boats whale was going faster than we could pull kept the ship by E. & E at night doubled reefed hauled up the courses middle part wind and weather much as the first at day light made all sail better part sun showers of rain so ends.

Lat by Obs. 24° 16' South Long 163° 29'

Thursday Feb. 6th 1840 Commences with moderate breeze from the Westward with fair weather starting ship by E. & E at 4 P.M. saw a large Whale half past 4 lured the boat 1/2 past 5 struck him and got him to spouting blood very soon but he never turned up until 9 about 10 took him aboard and took in sail middle part moderate breeze from the South with a heavy swell running got all ready for cutting at 6 hooked on after tacking out 2 or 3 times at 8 kept off before the sea closed up every thing so ends with fair weather employed cutting

Lat by Obs. 24° 27' South



Friday Feb. 7th 1840 Commences with a moderate breeze from the S.E. with pleasant weather at 4 P.M. finished hauling the haul were ship to the South with the fore sail & top sail & fells commenced boobying middle part wind from the Eastward at day light set the fore top sail and turned the reefs out of the main & mizen at 9 were ship to the North wind by N at 11 A.M. saw a ship running off to the Westward with all sail set so ends employed boobying

Lat by Obs. 24° 24' Long by Obs. 162° 26' West

Saturday Feb. 8th 1840 Commences with a moderate breeze from the E.N.E. with fine pleasant weather starting by the wind to the North employed boobying at 1 P.M. set the main & top sail & fells at 4 P.M. kept off N.W. at night put 2 reefs in the top sails and were ship to the S.E. middle part pleasant at 2 A.M. the wind shifted to the North were ship at 7 turned the reefs out in the top & top sail better part employed cutting & boobying so ends

Lat by Obs. 24° 11' Long by Obs. 163° 40' West

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Sunday Feb. 9th 1840 Commences with a moderate breeze from the Westward with fair weather standing to the South at 4 P.M. finished boobying at night were ship to the North & shortened sail middle part light air at daylight made sail were ship at 6 A.M. kept off S.E. latter part moderate breeze & fine pleasant weather so ends at 12 were ship to the North. Lat by Obs. 24° 44' Long by Obs. 163° 36'

Monday Feb. 10th 1840 First part of these 24 hours moderate breeze from the Westward with fair weather standing by the wind to the North at night doubled reefed middle part wind from the South standing to the Westward at day light turned the reefs out of the top sail better part moderate breeze with pleasant weather employed stowing down so ends these 24 hours

Lat by Obs. 24° 27' South

Tuesday Feb. 11th 1840 Commences with moderate breeze from the Eastward with fair weather starting the wind to the South employed stowing down at night put 2 reefs in the top sail & were ship middle part moderate at daylight turned the reefs out at 6 A.M. were ship made all sail better part employed repairing oak & fitting the fore & gallant back stays so ends.

Lat by Obs. 24° 05' Long by Obs. 164° 50' West

Wednesday Feb. 12th 1840 Commences with light air from the E.S.E. with fair weather standing to the South heavy swell running from the South at night shortened sail at 12 midnight were ship at daylight turned the reefs out at 6 were ship with the main sail & top sail better part moderate breeze with cloudy weather so ends

Lat by Obs. 24° 39' Long by Obs. 164° 52' West

Thursday Feb. 13th 1840 Commences with light air from the Eastward and foggy standing to the South at 6 P.M. shortened sail for the night middle part much as the first at day light made all sail better part calm with clear weather employed repairing the fore sail so ends.

Lat by Obs. 25° 00' Long by Obs. 164° 46' West

At 2 P.M. near the 24th between the ship & the whale the long 163° 42' 30' the lat 24° 25' 30' 32° 30' 30'