

Ship Courier Whist Whaling in the South Pacific

Monday Feb. 24th 1840 All these 24 hours brisk gale from the S.E. with fair weather steering by the wind to the N.E. with two reefs in the Top Sail so ends.

Lat by Obs. 22° 30' S Long by Chrt. 162° 38' West

Tuesday Feb. 25th 1840 All these 24 hours brisk gale from the S.E. with cloudy weather standing to the S.E. with double reef Top Sail & Fore Sail with employed picking bakewell so ends

Lat by Obs. 21° 45' S Long by Chrt. 161° 30' West

Wednesday February 26th 1840 All these 24 hours brisk gale from the S.E. with thick weather cum rain standing to the South first & latter part double reef in the Top Sail middle part close reefed Top Sail so ends

Lat by Obs. 22° 50' S Long by Chrt. 161° 52'

Thursday Feb. 27th 1840 First part of these 24 hours brisk gale from S.E. with fair weather double reef Top Sail & Fore Sail with at 3 P.M. close reefed the Fore Top Sail with 5 close reefed the Main middle part much as the first at 11 A.M. saw Breaches supposed them to be Whales but no chance for them a gale of wind from S.E. so ends.

Lat by Obs. 24° 02' S Long by Chrt. 162° 48' West

Friday Feb. 28th 1840 Commences with brisk gale from the S.E. with fair weather standing to the South with close reef Top Sail & Fore Sail with at 6 P.M. took in the Fore & Mizen Top Sails middle part thick weather and more moderate at daylight set the Top Sails with 2 reefs in them latter part brisk winds & cloudy wind at East so ends.

Lat by Obs. 24° 50' S Long by Chrt. 163° 09'

Saturday Feb. 29th 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the Eastward with fair weather standing to the South with double reef Top Sails Fore Sail & Mizen with at 6 P.M. took in the Mizen & close reefed the Top Sails middle part cloudy at daylight turned one reef out of the Top Sails at 6 A.M. wore ship to the N.E. latter part moderate gale meant to suggest for Whaling saw Breaches at 12. so ends

Lat by Obs. 25° 30' S Long by Chrt. 162° 59' West

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Sunday March 1st 1840 Commences with brisk gale from the Eastward with cloudy weather steering by the wind to the N.E. at 5 P.M. wore ship to the South at 6 close reefed the Top Sails middle part wind from S.E. at 6 A.M. wore ship to the S.E. turned one reef out of the Main Top Sail at 3 turned one out of the Fore Top Sail latter part brisk winds with fair weather so ends

Lat by Obs. 26° 22' S Long by Chrt. 162° 48' West

Monday March 2nd 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. with fair weather steering by the wind to the N.E. double reef Top Sails & Mizen & Fore Sail with at 5 P.M. the Mizen Mizen Stays parted both in the sail middle part more moderate at 6 A.M. set the Main Sail at 10 P.M. a new Mizen gail flag set the Mizen & Spanker at 11 A.M. turned one reef out of the Main & Mizen Top Sails wind from S.E. with pleasant weather so ends.

Lat by Obs. 24° 50' South Long by Chrt. 162° 09'

Tuesday March 3rd 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. with fine pleasant weather steering by the wind with the starboard tack aboard at 6 P.M. took in the Main Sail put another reef in the Main Top Sail middle part moderate & pleasant weather at daylight made all sail latter part wind from S.E. at 12 backed to the South employed setting up the back Stays and other necessary gear so ends

Lat by Obs. 23° 56' S Long by Chrt. 161° 41' West

Wednesday March 4th 1840 Commences with a moderate breeze from the S.E. with fine pleasant weather standing to the South with all sail set at 6 P.M. took in the Main Sails Top Sails middle part much as the first part at daylight made all sail heading South at 11 P.M. part 10 saw a large Whale going to the N.W. at 11 closed away 2 boats half past 11 one of the boats got along side of the Whale and nipped him at 12 the other boat went along side of him and over his back nipped him with one iron and down as bad with the other got it in however through the black skin held on long enough to take out the bowwork then that dropped out the whale started off came on board took up the boats fine Whaling to be sure

Lat by Obs. 24° 50'