

Ship Courier Whilst Whaling in the South Pacific

Friday March 13th 1840 Commences with moderate gales from the S.E. with fair weather standing to the E.N.E. with double reef Top Sail set at 4 P.M. were Ship & put the Harbours boat out at 6 took in the Fore Top Sail middle part more moderate at daylight set the Fore Top Sail & till at 6 were Ship at 10 set the Main Sail & Spanker bristled from S.E. with fair weather so ends.

Lat by Obs. 23° 33' Long by Calc. 156° 10'

Saturday March 14th 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. with fair weather at 1 P.M. took in the Main Sail at 6 took in the Till & Spanker were Ship half past the wind began to breeze on took in the Fore Top Sail at 6 took were Ship to the E.N.E. at 9 on bent the Fore Top Sail bent another cloth reefed it & set it at 11 bent reefed the Main Top Sail so ends with brisk gales from S.E. with fair weather. Lat by Obs. 23° 43'

Sunday March 15th 1840 Commences with brisk gales from S.E. with thick weather at 2 P.M. took in the Fore & Main Top Sails & were Ship to the South West. middle part more moderate at daylight in the Top Sails at 6 were Ship to the N.E. turned one reef out of the Fore & Main Top Sails set the Main Sail till & Spanker at 11 took in the Till & Spanker so ends with brisk gales from the S.E. with cloudy weather. Lat by Obs. 23° 47' South Long by Calc. 156° 56' West.

Monday March 16th 1840 First part of these 24 hours brisk gales from the S.E. with equally weather standing by the wind to the E.N.E. with double reef Top Sails & Couriers set at 6 P.M. took in the Main Sail middle part more moderate at 6 P.M. set the Main Sail till & Spanker latter part brisk winds with fair weather variously employed Cooper employed repairing barrels so ends these 24 hours Lat by Obs. 22° 56' Long by Calc. 154° 57'

Tuesday March 17th 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. with fair weather steering by the wind with the starboard tacks aboard 2 reefs in the Top Sails at 6 P.M. took in the Main Till & Spanker middle part more moderate at daylight made all Sail set 10 P.M. were Ship to the South latter part moderate breeze & pleasant employed setting up the Fore Topping so ends Lat by Obs. 22° 25' Long 153° 26'

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Wednesday March 18th 1840 Commences with a light air from the E.S.E. with fine pleasant weather standing to the South with all Sail set at 6 P.M. took in the S.E. & M.S. middle part much as the first part at daylight set the M.S. & S. latter part brisk winds from the Eastward standing to the South employed Topping the Topping & setting up shoos so ends Lat by Obs. 23° 47' Long by Calc. 153° 50' West.

Thursday March 19th 1840 Commences with a moderate breeze from the Eastward with cloudy weather and sun rain at 6 P.M. the wind left us cloud down the Top Sails furled the Main Sail & M.S. & S. at 11 a light breeze sprang up from the N.W. but 2 reefs in the Top Sails stood to the North at 3 P.M. kept off East at 6 P.M. turned the reef out of the Main Top Sail at 11 P.M. had a sudden shift of wind from the S.E. which gave the Ship stern way against the sea and filled the Cabin & full of water board up stood to the N.E. so ends with thick rainy weather. No Obs.

Friday March 20th 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the E.S.E. with thick rainy weather standing to the N.E. with 2 reefs in the Top Sails at 6 P.M. were Ship to the South & set the till at 12 midnight were back to the E.N.E. wind at S.E. at daylight set the Spanker latter part brisk trades from S.E. with fair weather employed Topping the Topping and setting up shoos so ends Lat by Obs. 23° 46' Long by Calc. 157° 20' West.

Saturday March 21st 1840 Commences with brisk trades from the S.E. with fair weather double reef Top Sails Couriers Till & Spanker set at 3 P.M. kept off N.W. & turned one reef out of the M.S. & S. at 5 P.M. were Ship to the South & shortened Sail at 10 were to the E.N.E. at 6 P.M. kept off N.E. by N.W. the Main Sail & Till latter part brisk trades from the S.E. with fair weather employed Topping the Topping & setting up shoos so ends Lat by Obs. 22° 45' Long by Calc. 150° 10'