

Ship Courier Whist Cruising about the Line

Saturday Decr 5th 1840 Commences
with a moderate breeze from the N.E. with fine pleasant
weather steering N.W. at 3 P.M. saw 2 large Whales
about 4 miles off lored away the boats got within
2 miles of them at sunset then came then up come on
board took up the boats stood to the North untill 1st M
then wore ship to the South at 6 A.M. kept off N.W.
latter part moderate breezes saw Blackfish, Porpoises & Gramp
hoses so ends at 12 altered our course to N.W. so ends
Lat by Obs. 01° 24' Long by Chrt. 176° 22'

Sunday Decr 6th 1840 Commences
with a light air from the Eastward with fine pleasant
weather steering N.W. half past 2 P.M. saw Whales
half past 3 lored the boats struck in about half hour
at sunset took 3 of them to the ship middle part faint
airs rove over falls got ready for cutting half past
5 hooked on at 10 till finished cutting wore ship to the
South & made all sail. at 12 wore back to the North
employed clearing away the head so ends Lat by Obs. 00° 31'



Monday Decr 7th 1840 Commences
with moderate breezes from the Eastward standing to the North
at 3 P.M. commenced boiling at 5 P.M. had a squall put 2
reefs in the Top Sail middle part moderate breezes at day light
wore ship & made sail latter part vary moderate saw
blackfish so ends employed boiling
Lat by Obs. 00° 52' Long by Chrt. 177° 27'

Tuesday Decr 8th 1840
Commences with a moderate trade steering by
the wind to the North saw a great many Porpoises
at 1 A.M. finished boiling middle part moderate
breezes at 7 till wore ship and steered N.W. and
steered so the remainder of the day so ends
Lat by Obs. 00° 22' Long by Chrt. 177° 44'

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Wednesday Decr 9th 1840 Commences
with a moderate trade from the Eastward steering N.W. at 6 P.M.
took in the Top S. S. hauled up the courses & luffed to the wind to
the South middle part vary moderate at day light made all
sail at 6 kept off N.W. latter part employed starting over floor
& Coopering mure of our Mast, saw Blackfish and Porpoises
so ends Lat by Obs. 01° 00' Long by Chrt. 178° 20' West.

Thursday Decr 10th 1840 Commences
with a moderate breeze from the Eastward with fine pleasant
weather steering N.W. at 6 P.M. luffed to the wind to the South
middle part vary moderate at daylight commenced standing
down at 6 kept off N.W. half past 7 saw Whales half past
9 lored the boats for the Whales and chased the remainder of
of these 24 hours Lat by Obs. 01° 01' South

Friday Decr 11th 1840 Commences
with a vary light air boats off in pursuit of Whales
about half past one P.M. the Larboard Boat went along
side of a 50 or 60 lb Whales the boatster missed him at 4
P.M. took up the boats stood to the South at 6 P.M. took in
the Top S. S. middle part light air & calm at day light
made all sail at 10 till wore ship to the North latter part
employed standing down saw Porpoises so ends
Lat by Obs. 1° 25' Long by Chrt. 179° 00' West

Saturday Decr 12th 1840 Commences
with a vary light air standing to the North saw Porpoises and
a large Breach 1 or 2 miles off the weather beam middle part
vary light air at 2 till wore ship to the South latter part moderate
trades saw fin backs and Grampases, Cooper employed repairing
cark so ends Lat by Obs. 1° 35' South.

Sunday Decr 13th 1840 Commences with
a light air from the Eastward steering N.W. saw fin backs at 6 P.M.
luffed the ship to the wind to the North middle part vary light breezes at 6 till
kept off N.W. latter part steering N.W. & N.W. so ends
Lat by Obs. 00° 49' Long by Chrt. 179° 40' East.