

Ship Erie of Fairhaven Capt. Seth M.

Blackmer on New Zealand Jan. 1853

I shall now continue my journal
the Ship on New Zealand 66 days from the Sand, Isles

Jan. 12th. A.D. 1853

First part of this day a
gale from E.S.E. & pleasant the Ship under D.K. topsails
by the wind at 2 P.M. split the jibb. unbutton it & repaired
it at 3 P.M. Saw 2 right Whales the first we have seen
middle & latter part strong wind & rugged. the Ship
on both tack raised a right whale lowered 3 boat
the Lar. boat struck & succeeded in killing him
this Ends this day
Lat. by Ob. 47.55 S.
Long by Chron 163.22 E.