

Journal of a Whaling Voyage to the North

Pacific Ocean by John T. Barstow Ship Erie

Friday Feb. 18th A.D. 1853

This day light breezes at E. & E. & pleasant ship on opposite tack the watch employ in setting up & shooks & lower once for whales without success

Thus Ends this day

Lat. by Obs. 164.28 E.

Saturday Feb. 19th

First part light wind from N. N. E. & overcast lower for whale the waist Boat struck & at 4 P.M. got alongside tried to Cut at 7 P.M. lashed down there is every appearance of a gale at 4 A.M. strong N. W. breeze cut the whale finished at 9 A.M. when it commenced blowing steering S. E. under S. P. topsail thus Ends this day

Lat. by Obs. 49-03 S.

Sunday Feb. 20th

This day commences a strong gale from W. N. W. & clear pleasant weather steering E. by S. under S. P. fore & main topsail at 8 P.M. hove to head N. under close R. main topsail blows most very hard in squalls & the water is very smooth Stone L. Board in the Lar waist while she was coming to So Ends A.

Lat. by Obs. 49-12 S.
Long. by Obs. 165-50 E.

Monday Feb. 21st A.D. 1853

All these 24 hours

Strong gales at W. by N. & overcast a heavy sea running steering East for the Coast Chili the weather too bad to Boil so Ends the day

Lat. by Obs. 49-20 S.
Long. by Obs. 168-48 E.

Tuesday Feb. 22nd

First part strong wind from W. by N. steering E. 1/2 N. under S. P. topsail saw a fin back at 7 P.M. began boiling middle & latter parts the wind came to N. by E. & overcast the watch employ in boiling the whale is very poor so Ends this day

Lat. by Obs. 50-05 S.
Long. by Obs. 173-30 East

Tuesday Feb. 23rd

All this day light wind at N. N. E. steering E. 1/2 N. at 10 P.M. finished boiling 36 & 13 gals the wind came to W. at 10 A.M. raised antipodes Island bearing N. N. E. Dist 14 Leagues it very high and broken land the watch employ in ships duties fine warm weather so Ends this day

Lat. by Obs. 50-17 S.
Long. by Obs. 176-24 E.

Antipodes Island

