

Remarks on board Bark Albion

Monday December 6th / 69

Commenced moderate from N.E. Employed a day stowing down oil on the port side of the galley. Took out the ground tin and found some of them having rather poor heads about 12 miles to the S.W. of the Island.

Tuesday December 7th / 69

Commenced moderate from the N.E. heading in the S.E. Middle & latter part fresh.

102 lbs. food Wednesday December 8th / 69

16 Middle. Commenced strong from the N.E. & rain. Latter part fine weather heading in to Little Strait standing sea water.

Thursday December 9th / 69

fine weather from the N.E. at daylight went in after Mr. Hunt and went over and got about two tin of Solator. at 5 P.M. went back to Little Island. saw a bear ashore about 11.50.

Friday December 10th / 69

Light breeze all day from the N.E. & fair going back & forth. brought in a bucket of ~~cham~~ chain; came in from the N.W. & other of the S.W. Master made three letters to the N.W.

Saturday December 11th / 69

Light air all day from the N.E. during the fore part calm the anchor & stowed the chain. Latter part calm.

Cruising of Chatham Island December 12th / 69Sunday December 12th / 69

This day commenced with a light air ^{from the S.W.} and all sail. Latter part light breeze. Many 18 months ago I shortened my sail about 9000 inches (as far as I can remember) on the top & it is run out to nothing on the after track & shortened my anchor accordingly. If all accounts it appears the tops just found it out to do and when I shortened it for I became very angry, right away, as in all ships where I have been it has been customary for the officer to get the boats to run themselves including the sails and mast. the captain brought up every thing against me. he says I am an ignorant man at all no better than a green hand. I had been a damage to the vessel I had driven two whales from the ship. I had been wrong by picking up a boat's crew on a shore boat and not let them be and go and catch the whale. When the third mate got close to the same whale & the fourth mate picked him up and was only a few moments sail behind him (say 5 or 7 minutes). Now we see the Bow boat has been just what I did. & he is not contented or made white. I get blamed for doing the same thing & I think we both did what was right. He also says I can leave at any time. I want to if I had two more whales to my boat I would have given him a chance to put me a shore to do on Little Island. I am very sorry I should let my own passions get the better of me & thus my own fault forgive me for so doing. I am now bound to leave. He said he was satisfied with me in regard to ship duty. When I am in the wrong I will not try to make it, but I want my rights and nothing more. He said the reason I did not get far to the whale that stole the boat was because I was not (or was not as he would say) perhaps he will think differently.