

Barge Fortune of New Bedford Capt Mathew

Remarks on Monday Dec 8th

Moderate breezes from ESE and fine weather the various courses watch employed in Ships duty. Invalids all got about again. To Ends Lat 24° 42' S. Long by Obs 176° 55' E

Remarks on Tuesday Dec 9th

This Day fresh breezes from ESE and fine weather the North watch employed in Raring down main rigging. To Ends Lat by Obs 24° 11' S. Long by Obs 176° 31' E

Remarks on Wednesday Dec 10th

Came with moderate breezes from ESE and fine weather at 2 PM raised 3 sperm Whales going quick to windward. Load three Boats and chased until 4 o'clock then gave them up and came aboard. Middle part moderate. Midnight tacked Ship at 10 PM raised Whales again.

Load three Boats for them. Load 8 Bow Boats got each a small Whale. To Ends Lat by act 50 miles South. Long by 176° 44' E

Remarks on Thursday Dec 11th

Light winds and fine weather and towing the Whales to Ship at 1 PM got them along side and went to cutting. At 6 PM finished then wore Ship to Eastward. Latter went to boating, saw Ship to leeward. To Ends Lat 1° 50' South. Long 176° 35' E

Remarks on Friday Dec 12th

These 24 hours light winds from NE and fine weather watch employed in Boating. At noon finished the Whales made 20 blps. Saw one Ship. To Ends Lat 1° 00' S. Long by Obs 176°

Remarks on Saturday Dec 13th

These 24 hours light breezes from NE and fine weather. Various courses. To Ends nothing in sight. Lat by Obs 35 miles. Long by Obs 175° 38'

Remarks on Sunday Dec 14th

This Day light baffling airs and clouds standing to North with all sail out saw some Porpoises. Lat by Obs 32 miles. Long by act 175° 18'

Remarks on Monday Dec 15th

All these 24 hours calms and very hot weather watch employed in Raring down the main rigging. We saw some Porpoises. To Ends Lat by Obs 45 miles South. Long by Obs 175° 1 East

Cruising off Kings Mills Group 1861

Remarks on Tuesday Dec 16th

These 24 hours light airs from North and hot weather heading to Westward at Sundown wore Ship to Eastward at 8 AM we raised sperm Whales at 9 load three Boats the Brown boat run over them and galled them. To Ends at noon Boats came aboard. Lat 81 miles. Long 176° 25' E

Remarks on Wednesday Dec 17th

First part light breezes from North and fine weather chasing Whales with Ship at 1 PM load three Boats for them chased until 5 PM then gave them up and came aboard. Whales went off letting baffling winds and passing equals Peter and Canon deck. To Ends Lat by act 45 miles. Long by 175° 20' E

Remarks on Thursday Dec 18th

All this Day moderate breezes from North and dark squalls about, employed in getting out water and taring main rigging. Canon no better. Lat by Obs 28 miles South. Long by 176° 15' E

Remarks on Friday Dec 19th

Throughout this 24 hours fresh breezes from NE with rain squalls at intervals. We the by the wind with the tacks watch employed in Ships duty. Canon no better. To Ends nothing in sight. Lat by Obs 19 miles North. Long by Obs 174° 10' E

Remarks on Saturday Dec 20th

These 24 hours fresh breezes from NE and stormy weather the off West at 4 PM saw Simpsons Island bearing SW dist 10 miles we run for it until Sundown then stood off and on through the night at Daylight kept off and run down on

SW side of it then hove aback the Nations came off. Fowls & Cocanuts we traded with them, three Ship in sight we spoke the Barge Belle of Fairhaven Capt Sandy with 170 lbs of Oil. To Ends Lat 18 miles NE

Remarks on Sunday Dec 21th

First part lying off and on at Simpsons Island tracking for Fowls and Cocanuts at 4 PM the off South at 9 AM. I & W until Daylight then to West. Latter light breezes and pleasant weather we unbent Spritsail to repair. To Ends Canon off duty and Peter with Poy. Lat by Obs 31 miles South. Long by Obs 172° 37' E