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1839 Journal of a Voyage in Ship Gideon Howland

Friday 29th Commences fine weather strong breeze from ESE of August middle part moderates all hands employed mending mizen Topsail latter part squally so ends this day
Lat 1. 30 S Long 174. 13 East

Sat 30th Commences clear weather strong breezes from the East of August all hands employed in doing nothing middle part moderates 1839 at 3 pm set maintop galsail bent a new Foresail latter part calm heading NNE all this day Lat Long

Sund 1st Commences clear weather strong breeze from East of September heading NE saw nothing all this day
1839 Lat 1. 16 S Long 176. 44 E

Mon 2nd Commences fine weather strong breeze at day September light saw Byrons Island the watch employed in mending the foresail at 2 came to under the lee of Byrons Island to trade with the natives at 4 pm saw a sail at 7 spoke her the Louisa of London 11 mos out 700 Barrels Lat 1. 15 Long 176. 56 E

Tues 3rd Commences fine weather light breeze heading 4 sep 1839 NNE all night at day light tacked to the southward Louisa in sight nite ahead standing in for the land at 12 tacked stood to the Northward the remain at 4 went the Foretopsail bent another latter part very moderate Lat 1. 12 S Long 176. 58 E

Weds 4th of September Commences clear weather and calm at daylight saw a small Island call'd Peruit watch employed covering Boats mizen and latter part calm saw porpoises Lat 1. 03 S Long 176. 20 E

Thurs 5th of September Commences clear and calm at 9 am raised whale lowered 4 boats B boat struck 1 and killed him at 12 took him alongside at 1 commenced cutting got his body in at sundown and commenced bailing a sail in sight off the lee beam

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Frid 6th Sep Commences clear weather lite breeze at daylight commenced getting in the Head at 2 pm saw whale chased them got nothing latter part squally and calm
Lat 00. 17 S Long

Sat 7th Commences clear light breeze from the E at 10 am finished boiling whale turned up 19 Barrels mizen and latter part clear and moderate so ends this day
Lat 00. 53 S Long 175. 30 East

Sund 8th these 24 hours commences fine weather light breeze from the ESE heading SE at 10 am saw Clarks Island ran down under the lee of it canoes came alongside with ladies 2 white fellows came on board that left the Juno 6 days before latter part clear and moderate heading ESE land bearing NNE at 6 pm so ends this day Lat 1. 36 S Long 175. 53. 30 East

Mon 9th of Sep Commences fine weather light wind from E this day stowed down 43 Barrels oil in the main hold latter part clear and moderate tacked ship at 6 o'clock heading NNE so ends this day Lat 3. 20 S Long 175. 33 East

Tues 10th of Sep Clear and strong breeze steering to the Northward at 12 moderate set fore and mizen to galsail beating to windward all the time just hold our own strong current setting to the westward Lat 2. 55 S Long 175. 55. 30 E

Weds 11th Commences fine weather light breeze at 9 am kept her of NW the watch employed breaking out between decks at 4 shifted maintop sail and kept her NW off wind ES and saw nothing this day Lat 2. 38 S Long 175. 38 E

Thurs 12th of sep Commences fine weather lite breeze at day light steering NW saw a sail of the lee at 10 am saw another steering N watch employed mending foresail at 3 pm saw another sail of the lee bow at sundown spoke her proved to be the Achilles of Sidney boiling 4 small whale with what she had made 120 barrels 4 mos out from Bay of Islands
Lat by Chron 11. 1° 5' N S
Long by Chron 174. 11' East