

Journal of a Voyage in Ship *Gideon Howland*.

Tues 24th of September 1839 commences calm and clear heading N E coopers and stowed 60 barrels of oil middle and latter part calm and clear so ends this day
Lat by observ 00° 06' S Long by Chron 166° 59' East

Wednes 25th commences clear weather light breeze from the Eastward heading N E by E the watch employed in ordinary work saw Grampas porpoises albacore and shipjack at 6 pm tacked ship heading S S E
Lat by observ 00° 18' S Long by Chron 164° 20' 30" East

Thurs 26th fine weather light wind from the East heading S E at daylight saw Pleasant Island 2 points off the lee bow stood in till 11 o'clock 5 white men came on board and about 50 natives fetched off fowl and hats at 11 tacked but till 12 part 12 stood in again at sun down were under the lee of it 12 miles distant heading S E by E so ends this day Lat by observ 00° 12' S Long by Chron 164° 54' E

Frid 27th first part fine weather strong breeze from N E at day the saw a school of fin backs and pleasant Island 4 points off the Starboard bow heading N by W middle part clear and strong breeze at 4 pm saw fin backs again latter part strong breeze
Lat by observ 00° 27' S Long by Chron 164° 20' East

Sat 28th first part clear and strong breeze from E N E heading S E turned up Starboard Boat and painted her at 2 pm saw breeches proved to be Grampas latter part saw fin backs at 6 took in sail double reef to sails heading N E by E so ends this day
Lat by observ 00° 54' S Long by Chron 168° 04' East

Sund 29th first part squally heading S E latter part clear and calm at 2 pm saw pleasant island bearing N by E distant 12 miles at sun down bearing W S W
Lat 4 miles South Long 167° 59 miles East
Cease this journal the last days work in particular so ends this day

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Mon 30th of September first part strong breeze and squally at daylight saw pleasant Island at 9 were up abreast it Jack Jones and 2 other white men and a great many natives fetched off fowl and coconuts and 3 pigs at 10 tacked stood to the Northward middle and latter part strong breezes at 6 double reef to sails heading N N E so ends this day Lat 00° 20' S Long 167° 10' East

October AD 1839

Tues 1st of October commences fine weather and good breeze from the E N E heading S E all day at 8 am saw the island passed to the weather of it several canoes came along side among the rest was Jack Jones and another white fellow. Got 2 dozen fowl and 2 hogs and a lot of coconuts. Saw nothing all this day
Lat 00° 23' S Long by Chron 164° 55' East

Wednes 2nd first part clear weather and light breeze steering N at 8 am tacked to the Southward the watch employed in ordinary duty latter part broad calm
Lat by observ 00° 44' S Long 164° 08' East

Thurs 3rd first part calm middle and latter part calm so ends this day Lat by observ 01° 13' S Long 166° 59' 30" East

Frid 4th first part calm middle and latter part the same sent down fore topmast stays and fitted them set them up again saw porpoises and black fish
Lat by observ 01° 50' S Long 166° 50' East

Sat 5th of October first middle and latter part clear and almost calm heading E N E wine N at 4 tacked to the N and Westward
Lat by observ 01° 33' S Long 164° 30' East

Sund 6th of October first part clear and light winds from the E N E steering N by W middle and latter part calm a sail to windward running down for us
Lat by observ 01° 22' S Long by Chron 164° 32' East