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Journal of a Voyage in Ship Gordon

Sunday 20th of October 1839. Commences fine weather and strong breeze from NNE heading NW the land 3 points off the lee bow sail ahead and 1 off the lee beam at 9 o'clock to the 2 middle part light breeze saw fin backs latter part calm so end this day  
Lat by Obs<sup>r</sup> 00° 32' S Long by Chron 164° 20' East

Monday 21st first part light winds from NE heading SE middle part calm canoes came alongside with 4 or 5 coconuts &c latter part light breeze steering NE land bearing E distant 12 miles saw sail this day  
Lat by Obs<sup>r</sup> 00° 29' S Long by Chron 164° 50' East

Tuesday 22nd commences fine weather light winds at 11 am saw whale lowered and chased them 2 hours got nothing came on board at 2 pm and saw breeches off the weather beam 5 miles off it being calm saw them no more latter part calm, I omitted yesterday to mention that we shift a man we call Sam a native of Ficusant Island  
Lat by Obs<sup>r</sup> 00° 29' S Long by Chron 164° 36' E

Wednesday 23rd first part clear light winds heading SE the watch employed painting the lower yards mid She. & latter part light winds and clear saw fin backs and black fish so ends this day  
Lat by Obs<sup>r</sup> 00° 18' N Long by Chron 164° 26' 30" E

Thursday 24th first clear & strong breeze at 2 pm saw whales lowered boats boat got fast took him along side at sundown to in sail lay by him all night latter part light winds so ends this day  
Lat 00° 44' S Long by Chron 164° 26' East

Friday 25th at day light commenced cutting at 7 finished and commenced boiling blowing a strong breeze from the E steering SE at 4 pm saw a school of fin backs more round heading NE  
Lat by Obs<sup>r</sup> 00° 22' N Long by Chron 164° 06' East

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Howland of N Bedford in Pacific Ocean

Sat 26th of October first part clear & strong breeze finished boiling whale turned up 19 barrels middle & latter part light winds saw fin backs & porpoises this day standing to the SE at 6 pm tacked to the N wind from East  
Lat by Obs<sup>r</sup> 00° 12' S Long by Chron 164° 39' East

Sund 27th first part clear & light winds from NE heading to the North west middle and latter part very moderate saw nothing this day  
Lat 00° 54' S Long 164° 15' East

Monday 28th first part clear and calm at day light saw a sail off our weather beam steering to the North & Eastward middle & latter part light winds from the SE steering SE the watch employed in ordinary duty saw nothing all this day of the amphibious race  
Lat 00° 7' S Long 164°

Tuesday 29th first part clear & light winds at 1/2 past 6 am saw whales lowered and succeeded in capturing 2 to the SE 2 W 1 B 2 took them along side cut them in & commenced boiling  
Lat by Obs<sup>r</sup> Long

Wednesday 30th first part clear light winds from the N at 8 am saw whales lowered chased them got nothing all hands employed boiling but so ends this day  
Lat by Obs<sup>r</sup> Long

Thursday 31st first part strong winds from the NE middle part the same latter part squally at 6 pm finished boiling turned up 80 lbs  
Lat by Obs<sup>r</sup> 50 miles S Long 164° 01' East  
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Friday 1st of November 1839 commences fine weather light winds and clear & latter part the same the watch employed in doing nothing  
Lat Long 164° 09' East