

Ship Gideon Howard from Portsmouth
 1839
 Mond 9th of Dec 1839 Commences strong gales from
 the N with heavy squalls of wind and rain
 steering to the East and westward of
 middle part the same latter part squally
 the watch employed in ordinary duty
 Lat by Obsⁿ $9^{\circ} 16' S$ Long by Chro $174^{\circ} 00' E$

Tues 10th first part strong winds from the N &
 heading N N W middle part light
 winds turned up the Waist Boat and
 painted her Varnished the Waist
 Rattled down the Star P and Rain topmast
 Riggings latter part calm so ends this day
 Lat by Obsⁿ $8^{\circ} 42' S$ Long $176^{\circ} 36' 30'' E$

Wednes 11th first part light winds from the E & steering
 N middle and latter part the same
 the watch employed in ordinary duty
 Lat by Obsⁿ $11^{\circ} 5' S$ Long $176^{\circ} 41' E$

Thurs 12th first part calm middle and latter part the same
 the watch employed in ordinary duty
 Lat by Obsⁿ $6^{\circ} 54' S$ Long by Chro $176^{\circ} 53' 30'' E$

Frid 13th first middle and latter part fine weather
 light winds from the E steering to the N
 Lat by Obsⁿ $6^{\circ} 10' S$ Long by Lunas $176^{\circ} 54' E$

Sat 14th commences fine weather light winds from
 the S middle and latter part light
 and buffing winds. this day bleached the
 Lids and cooped 80 bbls of oil betwixt
 Decks saw black fish and grampus this day
 Lat by Obsⁿ $5^{\circ} 01' S$ Long by Chro $176^{\circ} 49' 30'' E$

Sund 15th light and variable winds with squalls of rain
 steering to the Northward
 Lat by Obsⁿ $5^{\circ} 03' S$ Long by Chro $174^{\circ} 5' E$

to the Line M Baker Master

Mond 16th of Dec 1839 first part light winds from the
 N W steering E N E middle and latter part
 the same the watch employed washing the
 ship out side turned up the S Boat and painted
 her at sun down double reefed the topsails took
 in the Mainsail so ends this day
 Lat by Obsⁿ $04^{\circ} 00' S$ Long by Chro $174^{\circ} 34' E$

Tues 17th commences calm and squally at 12 am
 saw a sail off the weather bow a running down for us
 almost calm at 4 pm lowered down the S Boat
 Mr Sherman went on board she was the alert
 30 mos out from London and 2¹/₂ from Sydney
 where she left 750 bbls oil had 20 since she left Sydney
 had seen the Howard 10 day before with 1000 bbls
 latter part calm saw nothing this day
 got no obsⁿ nor attitude etc to day

Wednes 18th commences fine weather light winds at day light
 commenced breaking out beef to resalt it being
 in a damaged state at 10 am finished and
 washed the decks at 3 pm saw a school
 of black fish lowered 2 boats the S Boat struck one
 and killed him cut the iron out and let him
 go latter part light winds heading W S W
 the alert off the lee beam distant 4 leagues
 Lat by Obsⁿ $3^{\circ} 16' S$ Long $178^{\circ} 06' E$

Thurs 19 first part clear and calm the alert in
 sight about 4 miles distant
 middle and latter part the same
 all hands employed stowing down 116 bbls
 oil from betwixt decks in the fore hold on S
 Lat by Obsⁿ $174^{\circ} 00' S$ Long $2^{\circ} 54' South$