

Ship Gideon Howland Cruising

1839
 Frid 20th Commences fine weather light winds from the
 N W steering W N W middle part the same
 the watch employed in hoisting out the pumps
 which were clogged with mud cleaned them
 out and pumped out the water which
 was 5 ft deep in the well latter part
 calm the alert in sight about 8 miles
 distant steering the same as we were
 Lat by Obs^r 2° 29' S Long by Chro 174° 10' East

Sat 21st at daylight saw Hope Island ran down with
 in 5 miles of it and then hauled out to
 the sea at 4 pm saw whales lowered 2 boats
 W boat struck and got stove S boat saved
 the whale S boat struck and saved a whale
 took them along side Hope Island bearing
 N N W distant 8 miles
 Lat by Obs^r 2° 30' S Long by Chro 176° 58'

Sund 22nd at daylight commenced cutting finished
 out 8 and commenced boiling at 5 pm saw
 sprouts the whales went down saw them
 no more at sun down land N E distant
 5 miles this day took in the W boat
 put out another Lat 2 40.1 Long 177° 00

Mon 23rd first squally finished boiling whales
 turned up 23 lbs middle and latter part
 fine weather saw no land this day it
 the watch employed doing nothing
 Lat by Obs^r 2° — Long by Chro 177° — 2

Tues 24th Commences light and cloudy weather
 middle and latter part the same
 at 4 pm saw fin backs
 steering to the N and Westward wind S
 Lat by Obs^r 9° 00' S Long by Chro 176° 30' 30'

On the Fire M Beaver Mass 1841 (1839)

Wed 25th of Dec 1839 Commences fine weather and light
 winds from the N got the Waist Boat down
 and commenced repairing her whilst I suppose people
 at home are reveling in their sports to celebrate
 the birth of our Saviour Middle and latter
 part the same as the former at 4 pm saw
 Hope Island from the mast head bearing N N E
 Lat by Obs^r 2° 55' South Long by Chro 176° 29' East

Thurs 26th Commences fine weather strong breeze from the
 N N E heading S W unbenet the foretop of abscut
 repaired it and bent it again take employed
 repairing the W Boat middle and latter part
 fine weather winds light Hope Island 2 points
 off the lee quarter distant 5 sea miles
 Lat by Obs^r 2° 31' South Long by Chro 178° 38' East

Frid 27th Commences fine weather strong breeze
 from the N E steering N N W at 4 pm
 saw Byron's Islands and fin backs
 middle and latter part light winds at 4 pm
 hauled aback at Byron's Island canoes came
 alongside with locanets & 1 lape
 Lat by Obs^r 1° 39' S Long by Chro 176° 27' East

Sat 28th the first part fine weather light winds
 steering to the N and Westward Byron's Islands
 in sight from the mast head bearing N N E
 at 4 pm saw sprouts along way off almost
 calm and were going to leeward could not
 make out what they were latter part calm
 heading S E by E so ends this day land bearing N N E
 Lat by Obs^r 1° 09' S Long 176° 29' East ^{about 6 miles}

Sund 29th the first part strong wind with heavy squalls
 of rain Byron's island bearing W N W
 middle and latter part the same steering
 to the Westward so ends this day
 Lat Long