

82 Ship Gideon Howland Cruising down the Line

Tues 21st of April 1840 Commences fine weather light winds from the E steering SSW at 12 am kept off NNE at 6 PM took in topgalsails and kept her W by S the watch employed scrubbing ship D.C.
Lat $00^{\circ} 07' S$ Long $167^{\circ} 39' West$

Wedns 22nd this day fine weather light winds from the E steering SSW at 6 pm kept off W by S took in topgalsails and courses the watch employed making pig line D.C.
Lat $00^{\circ} 34' S$ Long $168^{\circ} 54' West$

Thurs 23rd this day fine weather light winds from the E steering SSW at 6 PM took in topgalsails and kept to the wind heading SE the watch employed as usual
Lat $00^{\circ} 38' S$ Long $170^{\circ} 36' West$

Frid 24th this day fine weather strong breezes from SE steering all around the compass saw breeches and shovels & proved to be black fish jumpers and grampus &c
Lat $00^{\circ} 10' S$ Long $173^{\circ} 45' East$

Sat 25th this day fine weather light breeze from SE steering SSW at 12 PM kept her on at 6 pm hauled up the SE so ends this day the watch employed Long $172^{\circ} 14' West$ scraping & slushing masts Lat $00^{\circ} 40' South$

Sund 26th this day fine weather light winds from ESE heading at mid the part the same at 6 pm took in topgalsails and courses and tacked ship heading SE
Lat $00^{\circ} 20' N$ Long $172^{\circ} 42' West$

Mon 27th of April commences fine weather light breeze from ESE at daylight saw a sail off the beam ran off and spoke her was the Pilgrimage of Sone on Capt Davis is now from Bay of Islands and so from London with 1800 lbs Capt came on board braced forward and stood to the southward
Lat by chron $00^{\circ} 20' N$ Long $173^{\circ} 56' W$

Tues 28th all this day fine weather light breeze from the E steering to the southward
Lat $00^{\circ} 38' S$ Long $175^{\circ} 16' 30' W$

Wedns 29th this day fine weather strong breeze from ESE heading N at 9 AM double reefed the fore and mizen top sail at 12 PM sat the mainsail at 6 PM tacked ship heading SE. Sakey employed making Darts for the S.P. on board the Carpenter employed making a hen coop the hands employ in ships duty
Lat by Chron $00^{\circ} 44' S$
Long by Chron $174^{\circ} 09' W$

Thurs 30th first part strong breeze from ESE steering to the S latter part moderate at 6 pm tacked to the S so ends this day
Lat $00^{\circ} 16' S$
Long $174^{\circ} 12' W$

Frid May 1st 1840 commences fine weather strong breeze from the E heading SSE at 8 am wore round steering NNE at 12 PM hauled up N light breeze at 6 pm steering NNE
Lat $00^{\circ} 09' S$
Long $174^{\circ} 29' W$

Sat 2nd this day fine weather strong breeze from ESE steering N by E got the topmast shroudsail boom aloft the watch employed in ordinary duty
Lat $1^{\circ} 30' N$ Long $174^{\circ} 30' West$