

Ship Gideon Howland from the Sandwich

Mon 24th of August all this day fine weather all hands went to church and heard an exhortation from the 6th chapter of St John

Tues 25th all this day fine weather all hands employed getting wood and water on board scraping the waist &c

Wed 26th all this day fine weather the watch employ getting off water and stowing it away

Thurs 27th this day first part fine middle and latter part strong breeze and heavy squalls the watch employed stowing away water &c

Fri 28th all this day fine weather getting off pumpkins and water and the king came on board &c

Sat 29th all this day fine weather the watch employed getting off recruits &c

Sund 30th all this day fine weather the watch employed getting off recruits &c

Mon 31st all this day fine weather all search engines doing nothing some went ashore to church others slept on board

Tues 1st of September commences fine at day light weighed our anchor from the ground with a light baffling wind proceeded to sea all hands employed stowing the anchors and working ship at sun down hands bearing ENE dist 4 leagues

Islands towards the Line St Baker Weather 1840

Wed 2nd of September commences fine weather strong breeze from the NE steering S by E middle part calm at 12:00 saw whales lowered boats they were going quick to the SE did not get fast latter part a breeze from the SE heading SSW at sun down by the bearing NE dist 20 leagues Lat 19° 15' N Long 160° 15' W

Thurs 3rd first part calm middle of latter part fine breeze from the SE steering S set up the topmast & topgall backstays Lat 18° 44' N Long 159° 40' W

Fri 4th all this day fine weather strong trades steering S by E the watch employed repairing old sails &c Lat 16° N North Long

Sat 5th all this day fine weather strong trades steering S by E the watch employed repairing old sails at sun down took in topgall sails and single reef the topmast Lat 17° 40' North Long

Sund 6th all this day fine weather strong trades steering S Lat 11° 22' N Long 159° 05' W

Mon 7th all this day fine weather strong trades the watch employed repairing old course NE sails &c Lat 9° N North Long

Tues 8th All this day fine weather light baffling winds at day light saw a sail to the seaward of us working to the southward Lat 9° 54' North Long 158° 35' W

Wed 9th all this day fine weather and calm at 10:00 spoke ship Phoenix of N London Capt Petch 2400 lbs at 2:00 saw whale both ships lowered did not get fast Lat 8° 00' N Long 160° 20' W