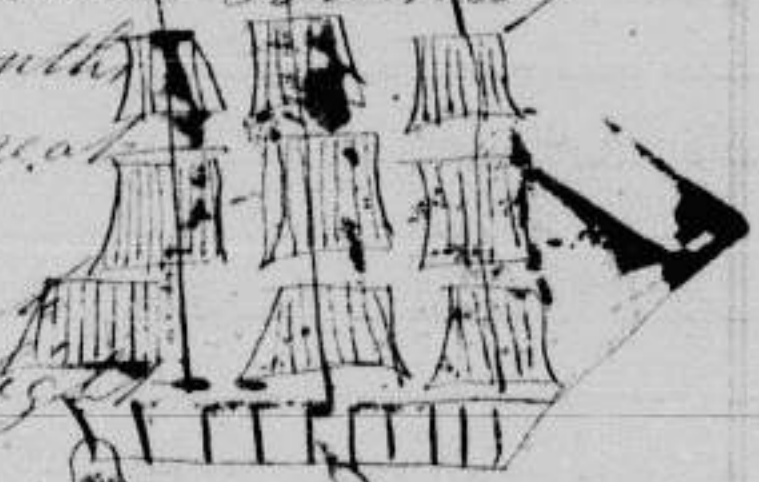


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January 1839 Ship Grand Turk 1839 Wind Comm Lat Long

Thurs 10 Spoke off ship. Stevedores Bunkley
New Bedford 13 months
3500 lbs. Saw a great
deal of fin backs
and an other sail
wardward wind



Sat 11 De saw plenty of whales
Starboard boat struck
afterward waist boat
Killed by Coffin sunk
Starboard boat struck
afterward Starboard
boat killed by Captain
Center sunk
Bow boat struck afterword Starboard
boat killed by Goodrich
sunk. Bow boat struck
a second time afterword
waist boat. After
Starboard boat killed
by Center sunk
Bow boat struck a
third time snow broke
and he got off
This was a hard days work sunk four
and lost the fifth to his breeze



Sat 12 Starboard boat struck. Sunk
lock here could not hold
again. Bow boat struck
killed and sunk
Spoke Bazaar
Port of
My mouth
17 months
out 1700 lbs
all to pack oil
A strong breeze



Sun 13 De saw fin backs. the Portine in sight 1110
A strong breeze

Mon 14 A strong breeze saw no whales 11 to 100

Tues 15 Saw whales could not hold them
chance for 8 hours A strong breeze

Wed 16 Saw fin backs wind strong 1 to

Wind Comm Lat Long
South East
44.40 178.55

South Pacific
Ocean

In time of Plymouth

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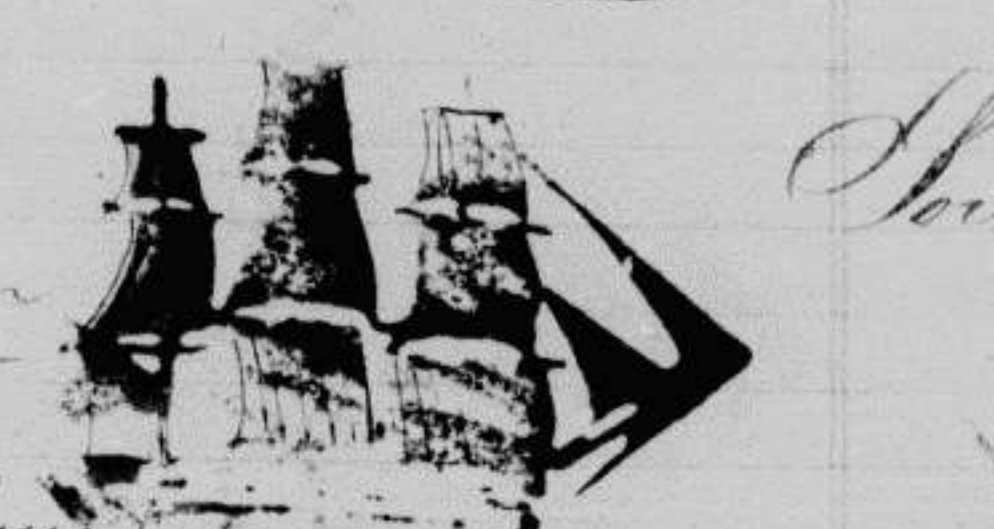
June 1839 Ship Grand Turk 1839 Wind Comm Lat Long

Thurs 17 Fin backs in sight wind strong 10

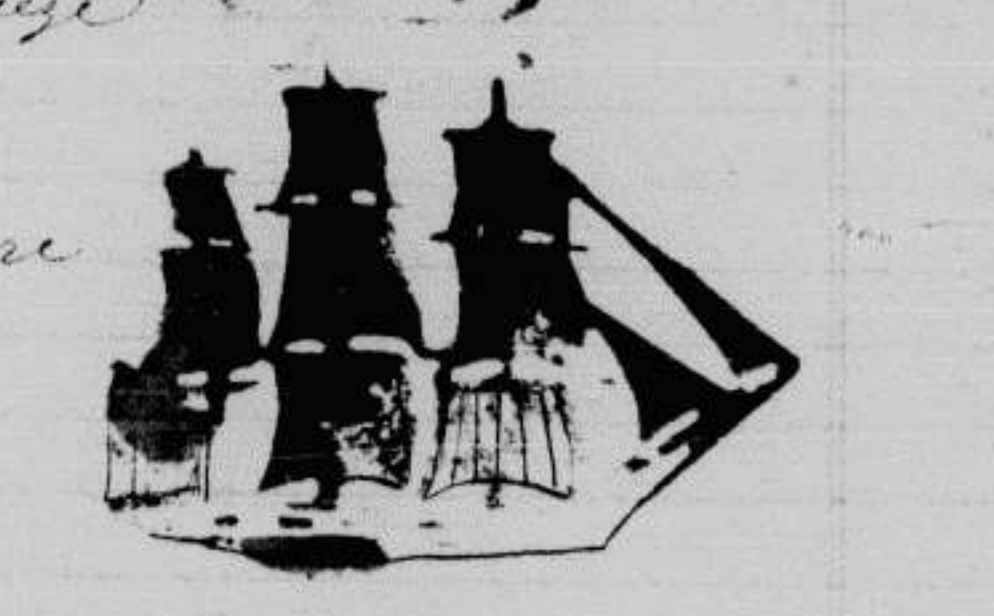
Fri 18 Starboard boat struck afterword
Starboard and waist
Killed by Captain
Dexter cut in four
Boats down



Spoke Ship
Relivia of crew
London Hudson
4500 lbs. 400 of it
Sunk 13 months
out A strong breeze



Sat 19 Spoke Ship
Barbant of Hare
De Grace 100 lbs
7 months out
Saw porpoise
wind light



Sun 20 Made Land at 4.5 P.M. Moved S.W.
to Banks Island.
Struck and drew from two porpoise
A strong breeze

Mon 21 Wind ahead tried in vain to
come to anchor.
Spoke in sight and soon puffing
high wind strong squally

Tues 22 Starboard boat struck afterword
waist boat killed by Goodrich
sunk wind very light
Starboard down
Starboard waist and
bow boat



Wed 23 Saw a bunch of ships began
to beat up the bay at 2 past 6
Bell to three breeze

Thurs 24 Came to anchor in Sugarcoo bay
Banks Island at 1 P.M.
Went ashore on shore
This is a beautiful bay

South Pacific
Ocean
In time of the voyage of Hudson

New Zealand