

Journal on board

A.O. 11 August 1870

Thursday July 28

Fine weather all day at noon came in sight of Fagel and Pico, and now nothing can be heard, but talk of going in running away getting discharge &c for my own part I am not sick of watching yet

Friday July 29

Calm, but the tide was setting us in toward the land so we were not very far from it at night, during the day hauled about for little fish and caught about a barrel

Saturday July 30

Stormy or rather squally in the morning but before noon we had good weather saw porpoises, grampuses &c we were to windward of land, and all hands apparently in good spirits

Sunday July 31st

Was nearly out of sight of land in the morning but we were ship and a timer for it in the afternoon saw a whale she hauled up her consorts for us probably for a gammon but we took no notice of her, was close to land at night

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Monday Aug 1st

Say off to the windward of land all day, it was calm at night a boat with a crew of Portuguese came alongside, and we had a little excitement by a Kanake who had a great aversion to that race of people, and showed it by throwing the cooke wood at them

Tuesday Aug 2d

Good weather, all hands were called at four in the morning, and commenced breaking oil, that it out and ready to go on shore before seven o'clock at eight we hauled

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a boat and the Capt went ashore soon some launches came off after our oil, took half of it, at twelve the Capt came on board, it was now then calm and the tide was carrying us through toward St. George's island, so no more was done

Wednesday Aug 3d

Calm this morning at eight had a fine breeze which carried us toward the land, at ten the launches came and took off the remainder of our oil, then we were close to land and tried to tack but missed and before we could get round was close in shore but finally came off all right, then the old man went ashore and we hauled aback and spatted and waited until six when a jolly boat crew came off and we were then off Good bye Fagel

Thursday Aug 4

At three in the morning shortened sail on account of wind, had a good breeze all day but nothing in sight

Friday Aug 5th

Calm nearly all day although just at night came in sight of another island it was Theresa, was busy during the day at work in the hold, one sail in sight

Saturday Aug 6

Pleasant weather, rain along to the leeward of the island was busy setting up Main and fore topmast rigging a light S.W. wind

Sunday Aug 7th

Calm in the morning but had a fine breeze in the afternoon, towards night the mate and second mate lowered for grampuses but could not get near enough to strike one which I was glad of although I would like to have some to burn for we have not had anything to burn but shish for a month