

Bound to New Zealand

Monday January 18th 1869

This day wind from North East to North all Sail set
Steering East, South, East. Saw one fin back whale.
Employed Making Black Sticks, drawing and making
Spongyam, our Carpenter employed making boat masts
the day end good weather

Tuesday 19th Wind this day from North to N West
cloudy weather but smooth, Steering E, S, East, employed
making boat mast, Spongyam, and other small jobs
about the ship - there is not much to be seen from
mast head our ship to day is in the Latitude of 37.56 S
And in the Longitude of 66.36 East

Wednesday 20th This day wind from North to N West
good weather, at 6 P.M. saw black fish right whale
porpoises, and two fin backs, all in one school, called all
hands and lowered four boats for black fish as we are much
in want of some oil. Succeeded in sticking three by our
Starboard, waist, and bow boats, the Starboard and waist
boats saved theirs, the bow boat humped down, took them along
side and hauled them on deck and cut them up, saved
some of their carcasses to eat, our ship was seen steering
a course which was East by South, the day end strong
wind having the appearance of stronger winds

Thursday 21st Black fish
This day began on with some fog and
rain at 3 P.M. perfect dawn having the appearance of
a shift of wind, find that our ship has sailed the
distance of 232 miles the last 23 hours, distance from
St Pauls Island about 340 miles,

Latitude in 38.37 South
Longitude in 70.47 East

Towards St Pauls Island on our way

Friday January 22nd 1869

This 24 hours S, West winds good weather, all Sail
set on our ship steering towards the E, S, East employed
boiling out black fish blubber the two fish yielded
about 90 gallons, the day end good weather St Pauls
Island about 180 miles off at 4 P.M.

Saturday 23rd S, West winds good weather employ
drawing and knitting rope yarns, and other small
jobs, course steered towards the E, S, East, at 2 P.M.
sighted Amsterdam Island, which lies in the
Latitude of 37.55 South and in the Longitude of
77.35 East of Greenwich. we intend to fish at this
Island on the morrow if nothing happens to prevent
us the day end good weather

Sunday 24th This day wind left the wind left us
calm off the Island of Amsterdam or St Pauls, about
12 miles off shore, lashed away three boats and pulled in
for the land to catch some fish, left the ship at
4 P.M., and at 1 P.M. returned to the ship with
twelve barrels of good fish after they was cleaned
had a brig lying at anchor on the E, S, East side of the
Island supposed to be French from the Isle of France
for fish, saw one fin back whale, and porpoises.
the day end cloudy weather with a light breeze
from the North steering S, East by East

Monday 25th Light wind from the North pleasant
weather steering towards the S, East all Sail set
for New Zealand, employed gutting down our fish did
not have salt enough to salt them all,
saw the land, and one sail, the day end pleasant