

Ship, bound to New Zealand

Sunday February 14th ~ ~ ~ 1869

This day a moderate breeze from N.West, to west - cloudy weather, Steering East by South all Sail set to the breeze, Saw a Ship Steering towards the N. East, Saw porpoises struck one but did not save him, and good weather Latitude in 13.09 South, Longitude in 156.15 E

Monday 15th Light air and calm beautiful weather - and weather to take whales if we could see some - Saw porpoises struck one but did not save him, the watch employed in ships duty a new rope wheel rope on Starboard side } wheel rope E

Tuesday 16th This day a moderate breeze from N.East Steering in the wind heading East by South and E.S. East, Saw porpoises, pieces of kelp and birds, the day and good weather our ship in the Latitude of 14.22 South and in the Longitude of 157.36 East

Wednesday 17th this day cloudy weather with a good breeze from North all Sail set Steering East N. North, Saw a great number of porpoises struck one but did not save him Watch employed as usual, Longitude in 143.00 East

Thursday 18th this day wind shifted from North to N.West and cleared up fine weather, Steering towards the E.S. East our ship is sailing in light clear water - as it often looks in approaching land, see quite a number of birds, such as the Albatross, and Mutton birds, Saw two porpoises, and they seemed to be engaging themselves. they are black and white find by observation our ship to be in the Latitude of 14.50 South and in the Longitude of 146.40 East - about 75 miles from land, off Van diemens - and good weather

off Van diemens Land bound to N. Zealand

Friday February 19th ~ ~ ~ 1869

Light winds from the N. East, Steering on the wind at E.S. East beautiful weather employed breaking out for water and meat, our ship is now South of the land about 75 miles off shore, killed our last pig Longitude in 148.06 E

Saturday 20th This day wind from N. East to North blew on fresh and raised up handed our light Sails and double reefed our top Sails, the days and blowing fresh heading on the wind towards the E.S. East, our ship to day is in the South Pacific Ocean, in the Latitude of 14.14 South, and in the Longitude of 150.46 East

Sunday 21st in South Pacific Ocean, bound to New Zealand and Monday 22nd Fresh winds from the North part of the time having the appearance of rain our ship under reefed topsails and courses, heading from N. East to East, by North, the watch employed in ships duty saw two fin back whales, and many birds passed in large ship showing English colours, she was heading towards the East } Latitude in 14.23 South Longitude in 156.46 East

Tuesday 23rd Blowing a moderate gale from the North with rain until 3 P.M. when it moderated, but continued raining during the night, with a heavy swell rolling from the North making our ship quite uneasy, Barometer falling during the time, down to 28.70 this is quite low

Wednesday 24th Wind shifted to the S.West, cleared up some, but remains a little squally, Barometer is the lowest we have had it the voyage, at 28.85, Set some sail on our ship and Steered N. by East

Latitude in 15.05 South Longitude in 158.06 East