

Working towards the North, Shooly

Sunday April 5th - - - 1869

Light winds from S. East to S. West with some rain
 Not much firing, see a plenty of small fish, caught
 a few fish the day and light winds looking squally

Lat in 11.11 South
 Longitude 179.40 West

Monday 6th Winds light and variable with some rain
 Accompanied with thunder, saw many ship jacks
 and birds finished making our mizen rigging

No observation to day

Tuesday 6th Winds from S. East to S. West with some
 rain at 8 o'clock sighted Hope Island steered for it
 at 1 P.M. was quite ready to it, two canoes came of
 to us men and women, it they had to trade a few
 chiselings, cocoa nuts, brown stuff, Whats and a few shells
 at 6 P.M. left the Island, steered towards the S. West
 during the night

Hope Island

Wednesday 7th a good breeze from the S. West quite cloudy
 heading towards the S. West at 9 o'clock sighted Roches Sand
 about 12 miles distant - saw two more islands during the
 day one of them called Eliza Island at 3 P.M. saw
 a sail ahead of us

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th Light winds from all points
 of the compass with rain squalls steering toward the
 West, see nothing but small fish employed making
 line from yarn, were one new wheel rope, find
 our ship to day to be in the Latitude of 1.45 South
 and in the Longitude of 175.38 East

Our Ship bound to the Arctic Ocean

Saturday April 10th - - - 1869

and Sunday 11th Winds moderate from S. East to
 N. East, good weather, steering towards the S. West
 all sail set, see nothing but ship jacks and flying
 fish and a few birds and good weather

find our ship to be at noon on Sunday to
 be 12. miles North of the Equator, and in the
 Longitude of 171.49 East from Greenwich.

Crossing the Line

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th the past two days
 light winds from S. West to East, some squally
 working slowly towards the North we see nothing but
 porpoises, and ship jacks, dolphin, and a few birds
 occasionally a bird will alight on our ship and
 ship sometime if you do not molest him employed
 in various jobs about the ship it is quite warm
 weather with us thermometer in the cabin standing
 from 86 to 89 & find the ship to be in the
 Latitude of 3.01 North

Longitude 166.51 East

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th the winds have been
 from S. East to East accompanied with a few squalls
 steering towards the North and west at 3 P.M. sighted
 three islands and land called the Porten group by
 some whalers appear to be Secar as usual, we
 see nothing of the fish kind but porpoises and ship
 jacks, employed filling our rigging and making spin
 yarn,

Lat in 7.01 North
 Long in 165.40 East