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Log-Ms. A JOURNAL OF A VOYAGE IN SHIP "HOPE-
WELL" OF WARREN (R.I.), CAPT. GEORGE LITTLEFIELD, MASTER,
Bound for San Francisco, Which Sailed on Sunday, January 27, 1849, With
129 Persons Aboard. 38 pages in folio ledgerbook, written in a legible
hand. 193-day voyage around Cape Horn to California, with list of crew,
dictionary of native words, "spoke to 12 ships". Some of the entries:-
Mar. 30th, "We found ourselves in a school of whales ... spouting and
blowing ... nine weeks out. April 23rd, 84 days at Cape Horn ... Bar-
ometer at 28.85. May 20th in Port Talcahuano ... news of California
from ships in port. From Boston, 'the Rodolph,' 'Christopher Colon,'
'Nancy Wilder,' 'Osceola' & 'Oxford'". (Others are also mentioned).
A very interesting sketch of the City of Concepcion is given on page 21.
Aug. 9th, "into the outer Bay of San Francisco, it was a stirring and ex-
citing time so many vessels" On list of passengers, "mur-
dered" is written in pencil next to name "Nathan Pratt." The last five
pages of the journal are devoted to a voyage to the Sandwich Islands, on the
"Canonicus". In Starbuck's WHALE FISHERY, The Hopewell is listed as
being 413 tons and used as a whaler from Aug., 1844 to March, 1848,
Commanded by Capt. Littlefield. 1000.00

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A Journal of a Voyage in the Ship Hopewell
of Warren Capt George Littlefield Master
Bound for San Francisco Which sailed on Sunday
Jan 28, 1849 with one hundred and twenty nine
persons on Board.

- Jan
- Saturday 27. I left Home the last time on Saturday
Morning, arrival in Warren about 11 o'clock
spent on Board of the Steamer Strype at 2
with most of the passengers, and she took us
on Board of ship at Bristol Bay.
- Sunday 28. On Sunday morning about 11 o'clock the
Steamer which had just arrived from Providence
with some of the Surgeons and friends took
the ship in tow as there was no wind
and took us out to Beaver Tail light. Then
she kept us to our fate. There was great
cheering on both sides. The first thing which
took place the Clerk of the vessel presented
each of the passengers with a copy of the Bible
from the Methodist Missionary Society.
The wind being Sou East was a head wind
and made it necessary for the ship to beat
for the purpose of clearing Block Island. Which
we did not until next morning about noon.
- Monday 29. The wind was changed from Sou East to South
with a fresh breeze.
- Tuesday 30. The wind Sou West and the weather little thick.
- Wednesday 31. The wind about the same varying a little at
about five o'clock in the afternoon. It commenced
blowing a gale from the Sou West and
increased to a perfect Hurricane which lasted
for ten hours. The sea running very high.
The ship carried away her fore topmast stay and
shipped the sea at the windward point of
which washed below. It was rather a sorry time
for the passengers being only 3 days out. But
she rode it manfully.