

1840

Bark James Maury's Log Book

Sund Feb 28th

Begins with light Air and calm ship working to Northward Middle and Latter parts the same

Lat 33° 00' S
Long 179° 30' W

Mon Feb 28th

Begins the same ship working the same Brigs out 150 Gals of Water Middle and Latter parts the same kind of weather

Tues March 1st

Begins with calm weather ship laying still at 8 AM saw a large school of sperm Whales chased away the Boats and chased them Harborward Boat struck and drew the Iron the West Boat struck another and drew the Iron chased the Whales till dark and came on Board

Lat 32° 14' S
Long 179° 56' W

Wedns March 2nd

Begins with light Air and pleasant ship in the ground saw a school of Whales weather gradually cleared away the Boats and chased them at 4 PM West Boat struck and got one at 5 PM took him along side and got ready for cutting

Lat 32° 10' S
Long 179° 45' W

Thurs March 3rd

Begins with Moderate Gales at day light called all hands and began to cut the Whale at 12 R got through cutting and started the Works

Lat 32° 02'
Long 178° 40' W

John C Smith Master

Fry March 4th

Begins more moderate Watch employed in Bailing Middle part the same Latter part calm

Lat 32° 10' S
Long 179° 05' W

Sat March 5th

Begins the same at 4 PM got through Bailing and cleared up Decks Middle part light Air Latter part the same

Sund March 6th

Begins with good weather ship cruising on the same ground saw nothing

Mon March 7th

Begins with light Air from the Westward ship working on. Papers it takes all hands employed in stowing down the Oil at 12 PM got through

Lat 31° 10' S
Long 179° 00' W

Tues March 8th

Begins the same ship working the same saw a number of ships cruising saw nothing

Wedns March 9th

Begins with fresh winds from the Southward ship working to Northward under short Sail spoke Bark Hunter Bailing Middle part the same Latter part strong Wind

Lat 32° 00' S
Long 179° 20' W