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Park James Mearns Log Book

Tues Apr 19th

Begins with fresh winds from the North and pleasant ship steering to the NE Middle part the same saw a school of sperm whales going to the SW chased away the Boats and chased them with no success came on Board and took in Sail

Lat 29° 15' S
Long 179° 30' W

Wednes Apr 20th

Begins the same ship cruising on the same ground at day light saw Whales going quick chased away the Boats and chased them with no success came on Board Middle part the same Latter part the same



Lat 29° 12' S
Long 179° 40' W

Thurs Apr 21st

Begins with light Airs and calm at day light saw Whales chased away the Boats and chased them all day at 5 PM Waist Boat struck and got one at sun set took him along side



Lat 29° 07' S
Long 179° 34' W

Fry Apr 22nd

Begins with calm weather at day light called all hands and cut the Whales and saw more chased away the Boats and chased them struck two to the Larboard Boat and drewed from them Waist Boat struck and got one and took him along side and cut him in and started the Wicks

Lat 29° 20' S
Long 179° 15' W

John C Smith Marster

Sat Apr 23rd

Begins with light Airs and pleasant ship cruising round round and Billings Middle and Latter part the same



Sund Apr 24th

Begins the same ship cruising the same at 5 PM saw Whales chased away the Boats and chased them Waist Boat struck and got one and took him along side and cut him in Middle part employed in Billings Latter part the same

Lat 29° 12' S
Long 179° 40' W

Mon Apr 25th

Begins the same watch employed in Billings Middle part the same Latter part the same saw nothing

Lat 29° 15' S
Long 179° 44' W

Tues Apr 26th

Begins with calm weather ship laying still Billings Middle and Latter parts the same at 10 PM got through Billings

Lat 29° 10' S
Long 179° 40' W

Wednes Apr 27th

Begins the same Middle part light Airs all hands employed in stowing down Latter part the same got through stowing down and cleared up Decks