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Bark James Mearns Log Book

Tues July 12th

Begins with fresh trade and
blowy ship steering W. S. W. Middle and Latta
heads the same No observations

Wednes July 13th

Begins with strong winds
from the N. E. and thick cloudy weather
Ship steering W. S. W. Middle and Latta
heads the same

Thurs July 14th

Begins the same Ship
steering the same saw the Island of
Parina Bearing W. Dist 10 Miles Ship
steering past the Land to the Southward
No obs

Fri July 15th

Begins with fresh winds
from the Northward Ship steering S. E.
for the Island of Lefua Middle
part hauled aback and dazed till day
light and kept off at 10 AM saw
the Land Bearing S. W. Dist 15 Miles

Sat July 16th

Begins the same Ship
steering along the Land for the harbor
at sun set got to the mouth of the
Bay and layed off and on all night
with strong winds from the Westward
with much Thunder & Lightning and
rain at about night more pleasant

John C. Smith Master

Sund July 17th

Begins with fine weather and
pleasant Middle part the same at day light
kept off for the Bay Latta part light fire
and pleasant at 4 P. M. came to anchor
in Lefua in 17 fathoms of water so ends

Mon July 18th

Begins with fine weather
Ship laying at anchor Boats off up the
Bay looking for Hump Backs saw three
but sun set came on Board

Tues July 19th

Begins the same Ship
laying the same Boats off cruising saw
nothing all day and came on Board at
night

Wednes July 20th

Begins the same Ship
laying the same with all the Boats on
Board waiting for the Whales to come
in but none came

Thurs July 21st

Begins the same Ship
still at anchor waiting for the Whales
to come but saw none

Fri July 22nd

Begins the same Ship still
at anchor waiting but saw nothing
panicked the Boats