

1872

Bark James Mearns Log Book

Mond Jan 29th

Begins with fine weather ship steering Westward under all sail spoke Bark Louisa Middle part the same Leather part 1 day

Lat 42° 33' S

Long 173° 50' W

Tues Jan 30th

Begins with good weather ship working to Westward Middle part the same at day light kept off 1 day under all sail at 12 P saw sperm Whales chased away the boats

Lat 43° 00' S

Long 174° 50' W

Wednes Jan 31st

Begins the same boats after the Whales at 3 P M Harbored boats struck and got one at 5 P M took the whale along side and got ready for cutting Middle part the same at day light hooked on to the whale and began to cut at 11 P M had the head off and body but in

Thurs Feb 1st

Begins with strong winds at 10 P M hooked on to the head and hove it in at 4 P M had the case hauled at 5 P M got it over board and got ready for butting at day light started the works and cut up the junk

Fri Feb 2nd

Begins with good weather watch employed in butting Middle and Leather parts the same

John C Smith Master

Sat Feb 3rd

Begins with good weather ship under short sail butting Middle part the same Leather part the same got through butting

Sund Feb 4th

Begins with good weather ship still under short sail heading to the Southward Middle part the same Leather part the same

Mond Feb 5th

Begins with fog and strong winds from N W ship under close reef Main Top sail Middle and Leather part the same at 11 P M the cook whose name was Absalom Salaman fell over board from the fore chains and was lost the wind blowing heavy and dark at the time we could not save him

Tues Feb 6th This day we change our day from the East Longitude to the West Longitude which brings the day

Mond Feb 5th

Lat 44° 14' N

kept off by 1/2 hour around Cape Horn turned the Reefs from the Main Top sail and set the fore Top sail and Main Top sail

Lat 43° 33' S

Long 174° 00' W

Tues Feb 6th

Begins with fresh gales from S W ship steering S by E under all President sail Middle and Leather parts the same steved

Lat 43° 33' S

Long 169° 30' W