

Journal of a voyage on board Ship Taspén of  
Remarks on board Friday February the 27th 1840

Commences with light breezes from W with heavy rain  
At 1 P.M. unbent the cables and stowed them below  
At 2 P.M. Cape Brin bore S.E. distance 5 mile  
The watch employed lashing Anchors and clearing decks  
At sun set clear weather 3 sail and the Land in  
sight middle and latter part the same steering N.W. by E  
Lat 34.23 S Long 176.17. E

Remarks on board Saturday February the 28th  
Commences with fresh breezes from E heading N.W. E  
Latter part strong gales from E S.E. took in all sail  
And close reefed the main topsail heading N.W. by N  
Lat by ac 35.40 S Long 176.20 E

Remarks on board Sunday February the 29th  
Commences with a Tremendous gale from E at 1  
P.M. the 1<sup>st</sup> topmast staysail blown from the stay  
But was save by the sheet at 5 P.M. took in the  
Main 3 sail the weather still worse for we cant  
see for rain and salt water flying at 7 P.M.  
The wind shifted to N.W. still blowing harder we  
Have 2 boats knocked all to pieces and 2 others  
slightly damaged at 8 P.M. more moderate set  
The main 3 sail and fore sail and steered off E.S.E.  
With our sails torn and the 2 after davitts  
Wrenched and other damage done one pig dead one  
Lat 36.07 S Long 177.03 E

Remarks on board Monday March the 1st  
Commences with fresh gales from N.W. steering  
E and E.N.E. middle and latter part moderate  
With a heavy swell from N.W. at 10 P.M. spoke  
Ship Levi Starbuck of Nantucket 30 months out  
1800 Spearman got half a stoven boat from her  
Lat 36.14 S Long 177.03 E

Remarks on board Tuesday March the 2nd  
Commences with light breezes from N.W. heading  
E.N.E. latter part employed repairing the boat  
And davitts and lashing the Anchors  
Lat 33.52 S Long 177.38 W

Fairhaven on a Whaling voyage Howland Leavitt

Remarks on board Wednesday March the 4th  
Commences with light breezes from W steering N.W. E  
Employed joining the head of the Levi Starbuck's  
Boat and the stem of our own together  
Middle and latter part the same employed as before  
Lat 32.43 S Long 178.56 E W

Remarks on board Thursday March the 5th  
Commences with light breezes from W steering  
N.W. repairing the boat at 2 past 2 P.M. saw 3  
Spearman Whales at 3 lowered struck and killed one  
At 5 took him to the ship and got ready to cut  
At 6 P.M. begun to cut at 8 cut of the head  
Lat 33.28 S Long 178.15 W

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Remarks on board Friday March the 5th  
Steady breezes from W S.W. employed cutting  
At 2 P.M. at 4 begun to boil at midnight  
Wove ship heading N.W. latter part made  
All sail with light airs and calm  
Lat 32.20 S Long 178.25 W

Remarks on board Saturday March the 6th  
Commences with calms employed boiling at dark  
Took in sail at 9 P.M. jaw a school of Spear  
Whales lowered and hit one with the iron  
But it did not go in  
Lat 32.05 S Long 178.40 W

Remarks on board Sunday March the 7th  
Commences with light airs from S.E. employed  
Chasing the Whales at 3 P.M. came on board  
And took up the boats saw a ship boiling  
At 10 P.M. finished boiling at 6 P.M. took in sail  
At 6 P.M. saw Whales lowered struck and kill  
And the Iron broke and the Whale got away  
Lat 31.21 S Long 178.07 E

Remarks on board Monday March the 9th  
Commences with light breezes from S saw Whales  
Lowered struck and drawn at 6 P.M. saw the French  
Rock bearing W distance 30 mile at 6 P.M. begun to  
Stow down and lowered twice for Whales and  
Perished 2 had luck attends us every day  
Lat 32.31.20 S Long 178.10 W