

Journal of a Whaling voyage on board Ship *Jasper*

Remarks on board Friday April the 24th
Commences with light airs from S.W. made all sail
At 3 P.M. saw the French Rock bearing W.S.W. distance
18 Mile at sun set took in sail latter part made
All sail at 6 P.M. saw the Rock bearing W.N.W.
Distance 8 mile at 7 P.M. saw a School of Shearwater
Whales lowed without success blowing fresh
Lat 31-46 S Long 178-59 W

Remarks on board Saturday April the 25th
Commences with strong breezes from E with a
Heavy swell at 5 P.M. lowed for the Whales
Again without success at sun set took in sail
Middle and latter part blowing a gale lying too
Lat 31-51 S Long 179-05 W

Remarks on board Sunday April the 26th
Commences with a strong gale from E lying too
Middle and latter part the same set the Topsails
Double reefed heading N.W. & E
Lat 32-08 S Long 179-16 W

Remarks on board Monday April the 27th
Commences with fresh gales from E heading N.W. & E
Middle and latter part the same set the Topsails
Close reefed
Lat 32-05 S Long 179-20 W

Remarks on board Tuesday April the 28th
Commences with strong gales from E
Beating to windward saw one Sail to windward
Middle and latter part the same with squales
Lat 32-07 S Long 178-54 W

Off Fairhaven Whaling Howland Seavitt Master 1840

Remarks on board Wednesday April the 29th
Commences with a gale from E carrying sail beating
To windward latter part wind S.E. heading E.N.E.
Lat 32-11 S Long 178-54 W

Remarks on board Thursday April the 30th
Commences with moderate breezes from S.E.
Heading E.N.E. made all sail one Sail in sight
Middle and latter part wind from S.W. made
All sail heading N.W. & E with hazy weather
Lat 31-46 S Long 178-19 W

Remarks on board Friday May the 1st
Commences with strong breezes from N.W. starting
From N.W. & E to E at sun set took in sail very
Squally weather still steering E latter part made
All sail at 7 P.M. saw Whales lowed and
Missed one still kept chasing at 11 struck and
Lost the line at 12 fastened again
Lat 31-00 S Long 177-20 W

Lost 4 irons and 1 lance



Remarks on board Saturday May the 2nd
Commences with strong breezes from W. with
A heavy swell fast to a Whale running and
ounding and could not get a nigh him
At 5 P.M. got in all our line and cut and
Lost 4 Irons and 1 Lance middle and latter the same
Lat 31-22 S Long 176-02 W

Remarks on board Sunday May the 3rd
Commences with fresh breezes from W. middle part
Squally latter part made sail steering S.E. & S.E.
N.W. and N. and nothing to be seen but bad weather
Lat 31-55 S Long 175-28 W