

Journal of a Whaling voyage on board Ship

Remarks on board Saturday May the 16th

Commences with strong breezes from N^o very squally
At sun set close reefed the Topsails middle and
Latter part much the same beating to windward
Lat 25.03 S Long 175.46 W

Remarks on board Sunday May the 17th
Commences with strong breezes from N^o beating
to windward middle and latter part light air
Calms and rain with bad looking weather
Lat by Ac 24.45 S Long 175.18 W

Remarks on board Monday May the 18th

Commences with calms and rain took in all sail
Middle and latter part strong gales with heavy squales
Of rain at 10 A M took in the fore sail and close
Reefed the Main I sail wind from N^o to S W
N^o Cal

Remarks on board Tuesday May the 19th
Commences with strong gales from S at 3 P M move
Maine set the F sail and wore Ship to the E S E
Middle and latter part moderate with squally weather
Made sail at 10 A M double reefed the Topsails
Lat 24.15 S Long 174.58 W

Remarks on board Wednesday May the 20th

Commences with strong breezes from S squally
Heading W S W at 7 A M spoke Ship Alpha
Of Mantucket 23 months out 1000 Spearman oil
Saw the Cora 12 months out 1000 250 Spearman
Lat 24.48 S Long 176.02 W

Remarks on board Thursday May the 21st
Commences with strong winds from E S E with
Squally weather heading S middle and latter part
The same heading both ways one Sail in sight
Lat 24.47 S Long 176.42 W

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Remarks on board Friday May the 22nd

Commences with strong breezes from E S E very
Squally weather middle and latter part still worse
Blowing strong set the Topsails close reefed
This place beats Cape Horn one half
Lat 24.32 S Long 176.42 W

Remarks on board Saturday May the 23rd
Commences with strong gales from E beating to
Windward middle and latter part the same
Lat 25.00 S Long 176.20 W

Remark on board Sunday May the 24th

Commences with strong gales from E heading S S E
With a heavy swell middle and latter part
Raining fast at 7 A M took in fore sail
Lat by Ac 25.54 S Long 176.00 W

Remarks on board Monday May the 25th
Commences with strong gales from E heading S S E
With a heavy rain storm middle part the same
Latter part the wind shifted gradually from
E to W with clear weather set the Topsails
And steered E N E blowing strong
Lat 26.38 S Long 176.03 W

Remark on board Tuesday May the 26th

Commences with strong wind from W steering
E N E at 3 P M took in the F and Mizen
Topsails at sun set hove too heading N W by N
Middle and latter part the same very rugged
Lat 25.36 S Long 175.40 W 175.20 Dist

Remarks on board Wednesday May the 27th
Commences with strong wind from W steering N by W
With the F I sail set at sun set hove too middle and
Latter part pleasant weather saw one Sail steering
N^o the only good day out of 50
Lat 25.02 S Long 174.13 W