

Journal of a Whaling voyage on board

Remarks on board Wednesday July the 1st

Commences with light breezes from S E heading
E N E with a heavy swell middle and latter part
Squally took in S G sails and reefed mizen S S
At 7 A.M. wore ship heading S S W
Lat 17.4 S Long 161.52 W

Remarks on board Thursday July the 2nd
Commences with strong wind from S E
Heading S S W with a heavy swell middle
Rud latter part wind from E heading S E with
Single reefed Topsails set beating to windward
Lat 21.29 S Long 162.17 W

Remarks on board Friday July the 3rd
Commences with strong breezes from S by W
Heading S E by S with a heavy swell middle
Rud latter part heading E S E plunging into it
With a head wind from S S E to N poor work
Lat 23.08 S Long 161.36 W

Remarks on board Saturday July the 4th
Commences with strong wind from N N E
At 1 P.M. tacked ship heading N W at 9
Tacked again and took in M S at 11 set it
Again latter part heading N E took jib and m S in
Lat 22.47 S Long 161.11 W

Remarks on board Sunday July the 5th
Commences with fresh gales from N N W
Heading N E with a heavy swell middle
Rud latter part calm and light breezes
Lat 22.05 S Long 160.23

Remarks on board Monday July the 6th
Commences with light breezes from S
Steering N by E at 10 P.M. puffd to aback
Heading S S W at 6 A.M. saw the land bearing W
W by N distance 30 mile now running for it
At 12 the middle of the Island bearing W N W
Distance 6 mile Lat 21.12 S Long 159.55 W

Course on Rorotonga

Ship Jasper of Fairhaven Howland Seavill ¹⁸²⁰ master

Remarks on board Tuesday July the 7th

Commences with moderate breezes from E S E
Plunging along shore at 2 past 1 P.M. the Town
Bearing S S W the Capt went on shore at 4
Returned with a load of Potatoes at 6 returned
With 10 Hogs at 7 Spoke Ship Columbus of
Fairhaven 25.00 5.00 Spearm 14 months out
Middle and latter part lying of and on
In a heavy rain storm nothing to be seen
2 mile from from the Ship
Lat by Sec 21.20 S Long 159.53 W
Chronometer 01.03 m to far W
True Lat of Rorotonga 21.46 S Long 160.00 W

Remarks on board Wednesday July the 8th

Commences with strong breezes from S E
Heading S S W at 1 P.M. saw the Land
Bearing S W distance 5 mile still raining
Heavy at 2 P.M. went on shore at 4 returned
With a load of Potatoes at 6 returned and made
Sail heading E by S middle and latter part
Heavy rain with strong squales that split the
Sail all to pieces a poor time to recruit
At 10 M took in the M sail and one more
Keffe in each Topsails
Lat by Sec 20.55 S Long 158.50 W

Remarks on board Thursday July the 9th
Commences with strong gales from S S E heading
E and E by N with thick rainy weather at sun
Set took in the S and Mizen Topsails and
Close reefed the main and wore ship heading
S W and S S W at sun rise clear saw the
Island bearing S W distance 40 mile wore
Round again heading E by N at 7 A.M.
Set the Mizen Topsail at 10 set the S S sail
The remainder of the day thick rainy weather
Lat by Sec 20.25 S Long 159.20 W