

Bark Tara In the South Pacific Ocean

1865

Wednesday March 15th

Begins with a fresh wind from S^W ship head E^{NE} with all sail set at 2 P.M. took in light sails at 5 P.M. doubled reefed the fore top sail middle part strong doubled reefed the main top sail took in jib spanker and fore top sail last part more moderate set doubled reefed fore top sail and main sail wind S^W steered N^W so ends this day nothing in sight

Lat, by Obs, 34° 15' S.

Long = Chron, 163° 52' E.

Thursday March 16th

Begins with a fresh wind from S^W and rugg ship with all prudent sail set steering N^W by middle part more moderate steered N^W last part light from W^{SW} with pleasant weather ship with all sail set hands employed at various jobs about the ship nothing in sight

Lat, by Obs, 35° 19' S.

Long = Chron 165° 23' E.

Friday March 17th

Begins with a calm shifted the main top sail middle part a brisk breeze from N^W ship by the wind E^{SE} at 6 A.M. tacked to S^W at 7 A.M. all sail set at 9 A.M. wind S^W tacked to E^{SE} thick rainey weather saw nothing.

Lat, by Obs, 35° 20' S.

Long = Chron 166° 53' E.

Bound to the Northward and Eastward

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Saturday March 18th

Begins with a fresh wind from S^W with thick weather ship head N^W with all prudent sail set middle part steering with squalls took in light sails split the jib last part the same sent in the jib employed repairing the sail took one reef on the fore top sail saw nothing

Lat, by Obs, 34° 25' S.

Long = 168° 49' E.

Sunday March 19th

Begins with a strong wind from S^W with thick squally weather ship head N^W with all prudent sail set bent the jib again middle part wind S^W steered N^W with all sail set last part the same with cloudy weather so ends this day one sail in company

Lat, by Obs, 36° 03' S.

Long = Chron 170° 37' E.

Monday March 20th

Begins with a moderate wind from S^W with pleasant weather steering N^W with all drawing sail set at 5:30 P.M. steered N^W & one sail to the S^W in company middle part steered N^W with a fresh wind last part the same at 5:30 A.M. saw the three rings having S^W dist 20 miles at 7 A.M. having E. for which I take my departure so ends this day steering N^W nothing in sight

Lat by Act 33° 40' S.

Long do 172° 00' E.