

Ship board in South Pacific Ocean 1838
Dec 20th Strong breezes from the N.W.
& N.W. on a wind to the North at 8 o'clock
a sail reefed at head at 4 o'clock the Barque ship,
Command William board of London 18th Dec out 4000 lbs
Latt by Ob. 2. 03 Long by Chron 174. 00. 00

Dec 21st Strong winds and passing Squalls
Saw black fish standing to the S.W. at 8 o'clock
a sail reefed ship to the S.W. & employed standing by
Latt by Ob. 2. 04 Long by Chron 174. 00. 00

Dec 22nd light breezes from S.W. heading
to the N.W. all sail on saw plenty
fin backs at 8 o'clock to the N.W. at 11
were ship to the N. rather calm at 10 o'clock
a light breeze from S.W. heading S.W. by N.W.
Latt by Ob. 2. 05 Long by Chron 173. 00. 00

Dec 23rd light breeze from S.W. heading to
the N.W. by N.W. middle calm rather light breezes from
N.W. to the N.W. at 11 o'clock to the N.W.
Saw plenty of porpoise birds &c.
Latt by Ob. 2. 06 Long by Chron 173. 00. 15

Dec 24th the light wind from N.W. heading
to the South & North with all sail on at 6
o'clock the main top by they parted misplaced putting a
down one up saw black fish &c.
Latt by Ob. 2. 06 South Long 173. 00. 00 West

Dec 25th light breeze from S.W. heading
to the N.W. all sail set middle light wind and variable
rather heavy rain at 8 o'clock saw an English
Barque to the S.W. at 8 o'clock at 10 o'clock
made all sail to the N.W. at 10 o'clock saw plenty
of fish saw at 11 o'clock
Latt by Ob. 2. 07 Long by Chron 174. 00. 00

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Dec 26th moderate breezes from N.W. to South
on a wind to the Westward at 4 o'clock were
the S.W. rather to the S.W. at 5 o'clock in sail
middle Squalls rather heavy Squalls and heavy rain
and the top sails & have the ship to the
Latt by Ob. 2. 08 Long by Chron 173. 40. 00 West

Dec 27th Strong winds from all parts of
heavy rain being in the blast
middle rather light Squalls set the
top corners & fell wind from N.W. heading S.W.
& heading to the South; then by we passed
by the that there is strong current flowing to the North
Latt by Ob. 2. 09 Long 173. 50. 00 West

Dec 28th Strong breezes and heavy heading
to the South under 3 top sails middle Squalls
the South weather and overcast and rugged wind
on West at 8 o'clock saw a School of Sperm
Whales course and at 10 o'clock
the other boats kept after the school to
hear their cry mist-taken Whales &c.
Latt by Ob. 2. 10 Long 173. 50. 00 West

Dec 29th the light wind from West at 1 o'clock
took the whale along did the other boats in chase
at 3 o'clock up all the boats and commenced
cutting at 4 o'clock in thick and raining at 5
finished cutting while rain rather overcast at
6 o'clock commenced cutting &c.
Latt by Ob. 2. 11 Long 173. 45. 00 West

Dec 30th light wind from the West at 2
o'clock it blew in thick and raining put the fire
out middle with the same rather fine weather
were to the Westward commenced baling Steer
& N.W. Latt by Ob. 2. 12 Long 172. 44. 00