

Bark Habel on Middle Ground

1880



Sunday Nov 7th This day Comes in with good weather and light winds from S.S.W. the Bark under Short Sail. all hands employed Bailing Case at 8 AM. Commenced bailing at 2 P.M. raised a shoal of small Whales going to leeward. Lowered three boats for them the 3rd mate struck and saved his Whale got him alongside about 5 P.M. and cut him in

Lat 34° 54' Long 158° 34' E

Monday Nov 8th This day fine weather and light winds from N.E. Employed bailing. Saw nothing of importance and with fine weather.

Lat 35.06 Long 158° 25' E

Thursday Nov 11th Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from N.E. the Bark Storing S.W. all hands employed Stowing down oil in the after hold Stowed down to gun of 120 bbls Spum oil finished about sunset Mr Price the Mate was badly hurt with a cask of oil so must go in to Port for Medical aid

Lat 37° 58' Long 157° 02' E

Saturday Nov 13th This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from N.E. the Bark Steaming to the S.W. Employed tarring down. Washing Ship and Sundry bbls. The Mate about the same.

Lat 40.00 Long 155° 46' E

Thursday Nov 18th This day Comes in with good weather and fresh breeze from N.W. the Bark Steaming S.W. Middle part foggy at 5 P.M. saw the land bearing W. Steamed off South for the Pillar and rounded it about dark.

Bark Habel at Hobart Town

Dec 10. We arrived at this Port Nov 19th from a five months Cruise with 112 bbls Spum oil I have sold 13 tons Paid off the Mate one Boatstewer and Cook & Seven of the Crew. I am nearly ready for sea. expect to sail about the 15th Dec. I have promoted the 2nd Mate to Mate and 3rd Mate to 2nd Mate and made a Boatstewer of one of the Kanackas.

Dec 15th This day fine weather and Moderate breeze I have shipped 3 men John J. Briggs and Inman, and one other able Seaman to be on board Tomorrow at 7 AM.

Saturday Dec 18th This day Comes in with fine weather and light Northerly winds. the latter part Strong Sea breeze. at 7 P.M. got under weigh with light breeze from N.W. Steaming out of the Harbor. latter part Stowing anchors and cables. at noon abreast of Adventure Bay.

Monday Dec 20th This day good weather and fresh Westerly winds the Bark working to windward. at noon Pedro Blanco bearing S.S.W. 8 miles dist. Saw nothing of importance

1881 Saturday Jan 1st The New year Comes in with fine weather and moderate southerly winds the Bark Steaming N. by North. the last week bad weather and heavy Gale from S.W. to N.W. During one Gale Spilt Main topsail. Main staysail all to pieces. Stove Cabin doors & Forecastle & other damages. Shipped some heavy seas. Nothing seen of any importance

Lat 41.30 Long 140° 6'