

Bth H. cruising for sperm whales off New Zealand

January 27th 1857

Tues 27th Light breeze from NW heading
NNW saw fin backs spoke ship
Hibernia of New Bedford at 10th M
saw land

Wednes 28th Light variable winds steering
NW by W saw porpoises at 10th M
saw blackfish lowered the boats
darted twice without success

Thurs 29th Light breeze from S to SE
steering N by W & NNW
saw blackfish grampuses
sunfish caught a blue shark
Employed taring down rigging
breaking out from shook heads
& shook's fine pleasant weather

Fri 30th Light breeze from SE to SW
steering NW by N & N by compass
saw fin backs land in sight
Employed setting up shook's
for fresh water

Sat 31st Light breeze from S to SE
steering NW latter part
steering towards Mungana
North cape & three kings in
sight one sail in sight
saw fin backs Employed
setting up shook's so ends

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Wednes 21st Light breeze from SE by SE
heading SSW & S three sails
in sight saw porpoises sunfish
Employed making signal hal yards

Thurs 22nd Light breeze from the Eastward
& calm steering to the southward
Employed preparing the landward
boat one sail in sight saw porpoises

Fri 23rd Strong breeze from ENE to
NW steering SE by E one sail
sail in sight saw fin backs
Latter part thick fairing weather

Sat 24th The fore & middle parts light
breeze from NW steering SE
by E & SE
Latter part fresh breeze from
E & SE heading S killed a booby

Sun 25th These 24 hours comes with a strong
breeze from E heading S & SE
saw one fin back saw land at 4
middle & latter parts fresh gale
banded the fore top sail laying to
on different tacks

Mon 26th The fore & middle parts strong
breeze from the Eastward on
various tacks
Latter part light breeze
from NW steering E & SE