

Ship Mary Francis towards home. 1856.

Saturday Feb 16th 1856.
all the 24 hours fine Breezes from the Eastward
with fair weather. Steered by the wind on different
tacks. employed Bailing and other jobs.

Lat 10° 40' S
Long 146° 48' W

Sunday Feb 17th
most part of the 24 hours moderate Breezes
from the Eastward with fine weather.
Steered by the wind on different tacks. employed
Bailing. Chopping the red bc, bc,

Lat 10° 40' S
Long 146° 46' W

Monday Feb 18th
all the 24 hours light Breezes from E.S.E. to
E.W.E. Clear and fine weather.
Steered by the wind on different tacks. employed
Chopping up scalp bone, and other jobs.
finished Bailing P.M. whale, turned up over
80 lbs. called him a bel whale alongside.

Lat 11° 21' S
Long 146° 30' W

Tuesday Feb 19th
light easterly winds and calm throughout
the day. Steered by the wind on different tacks
employed Coopering oil. washing Ship &c;
Antoine gave out his foot bad with an Axe.

Lat 11° 54' S
Long 146° 17'

Wednesday Feb 20th
most part of the 24 hours moderate Breezes from
N.E. to S.E. with fair weather. Steered by the
wind on different tacks. employed at various jobs
A.M. employed setting up M Rigging
Saw a sail to windward

Lat 11° 27' S
Long by Act 145° 00' W.

Thursday Feb 21st 1856.
first part moderate Breezes from the Eastward,
with fair weather. at 1 P.M. saw a shoal of sperm
whales, going fast to leeward. lowered the Boats
and Pursued till sunset without success.
the whales were very shy. lay too during
the night. latter part fine breezes from the Eastward
and fair weather. Steered off to the Westward. saw
nothing. all hands employed setting up Main
and Mizzen Rigging. topmast Rigging. Mizzen Stay
and Back Stays. stood Boats crew watches
at night.

Lat 11° 29' S
Long 146° 36' W

Friday Feb 22nd
all the 24 hours fine Breezes from the Eastward
and fair weather. Steered different courses.
lay aback during the night. all hands employed
at various jobs about the Rigging. making
Ratting Stuff &c.

Lat 11° 34' S
Long by Act 147° 20' W

Saturday Feb 23rd
most part of the 24 hours moderate Breezes from
N.E. to S.E. A.M. light showers. Steered by the
wind to S.E. hauled the light sails at night.
all hands employed fitting. Rigging and other jobs
fitted new topsail beam. Black straps,
opened all Reef & Bock

Lat 11° 56'
Long by Act 148° 00' W

Sunday Feb 24th
P.M. moderate Breezes at N.E. with fine weather.
at 3 P.M. saw a large whale 5 or 6 miles to windward
of the ship. lowered two boats, but did not see the whale either
from the ship or boats. at 7 P.M. took up boats. Mizzen and latter part
fine breezes and fair weather. Steered by the wind on different tacks. Lat 11° 40'
Long 148° 00'