

Remarks on board Bark Minerva

(Clematis)

Tuesday Feb 12th

This day light N. wind & thick weather jammed with ship Clematis of New London 16 months out 400 lb.

B.R. Marston

Wednesday Feb 13th

First part of this day fresh N. wind & stormy latter part Clear. jammed with B.R. Marston 21 months out 600 lb. mud hauled 4 S.E.

Wednesday Feb 14th

This day fresh W. & S.W. winds Cant 5 porpoises 4 sails in sight Hard times & no whale

Thursday Feb 15th

This day A gab from S.W. saw plenty whales in the fore part of the day, so far as the world go a month with fine weather and see nothing and the same whale inside the bar in a gab of wind, the last five times we have seen whale we have had no chance whatever to catch a whale, I believe there is no luck for us Lat 44:55 S. Long 176:40 W.

Saturday Feb 16

This day Strong S.E.W. winds carrying sail to keep to windward. at 4 P.M. pyramidal bore N. dist 6 miles

Sunday Feb 17th

This day Strong S.W. winds & squally at 4 P.M. pyramidal bore N. dist 30 miles

Monday Feb 18th

This day Calm Pyramid in sight unless the top is repaired it.

Tuesday Feb 19

Kind N. thick & rainy all day

Cruising off Chatham Island 1861

Wednesday Feb 20

This day light air from E. & calm. thick fog all day.

Thursday Feb 21

First part of this day moderate N. winds & foggy. Middle & latter part wind S.W. strong breeze & stormy. Saw two sails to windward. Hard times

Friday Feb 22nd

This day Strong breeze from N.W. to W.S.W. & cloudy thick weather. Saw three sails. at 7 A.M. pyramidal bore N. N.W. dist 10 miles. O God we mean going to get a whale. So ends a dull dreary day

Saturday Feb 23rd

This day Strong S.E.W. winds saw abundance finbacks Blackfish. & Porpoises.

Sunday Feb 24th

This day moderate S.W. winds and fine weather at 1 P.M. saw whale. Ten miles from Pyramid. Pyramid bearing N. N.E. Whale working westward. A good many whales. Ship Pacific in sight. Plenty Blackfish amongst the whales. Took one large whale by L. boat.

Monday Feb 25th

Came with light N. winds & fine weather all hands engaged in cutting in the whale at 10 stopped cutting at 2 P.M. strong breeze from N. at 10 got his belly in after tasing out time without number. Middle & gal. lying by the Head. Can bailing. had meat

Tuesday Feb 26

Came with A gab of wind from W. laying under small sparker. with had paid out on meade beam. at 12 moderate A.W. hauled throat along side and got it all in at 4 P.M. heavy gale. Such work never saw before cutting in a ship