

Cruising of Bounty Island, 1861

Wednesday Nov 13th

This day moderate S.W. wind to fine weather. At daylight saw Bounty Island bearing N. N. W. dist 8 miles. At 9 sent A looking in fishing. Caught 13 fish, Bounty Islands consist of some 30, or forty rocks, some 250 ft high, and taking in A circumference of some three miles, no sign of vegetation or any disposition, but covered with birds, & Penguins. The lat of the Island is right, but I make the Island some 14 miles E. for E. in longitude, there is a reef of the S.W. End. Some 2 miles dist, would not be likely to see it in moderate weather.

Thursday Nov 14th

This day Wind N.E. & strong out N.E. of Bounty Island.

Friday Nov 15th

Fine weather for the past three weeks. Saw two ship cutting to day, for the past 5 weeks there has been from 5 to 12 ship on the ground, & not a whale has been seen up to this day. The weather has been fine for the past three months but no whales. Saw blackfish.

Saturday Dec 7th

First part of this day light breezes from N. at 10. At 11 saw 11 whales, at 11 lowered the boats, whales in the weather low & going to windward. Could not get up to them, at 7 returned on board. fresh breezes & foggy. Saw ship three boats take 1 whale, Pyramid bearing N. by E. 25 miles. 2 whales going N. E. I End Sunday.

Monday Dec 8th

This day fresh N. winds & hazy weather of Pyramid.

Tuesday Dec 9th

This day fresh N. winds & foggy weather.

Wednesday Oct 30

This day strong W. & N.W. winds get 6 54 the potatoes came near getting swamped at 12 got underway & went to sea.

Thursday Oct 31

Strong S.W. wind saw two small ships off Pyramid.

Friday Nov 1st

This day light N. wind 20 miles South of Pyramid at 11 saw 11 whales & lowered called them to get nothing.

Saturday Nov 2nd

Fresh N. wind 6 sails in sight.

Sunday Nov 3rd

This day fresh S.W. wind of Pyramid.

Monday Nov 4th

Fresh S.W. wind of Pyramid.

Tuesday Nov 5th

Moderate S. wind of Pyramid 3 sails in sight.

Wednesday Nov 6th

Thursday Nov 10

Strong N.W. winds lat 42 45 S long 179 30 W. This day strong N. winds & thick weather.

Friday Nov 12

Strong N. winds & strong.