

Ship Montpelier in The Pacific Ocean, March 20th 1848.

Monday March 20th

All there 24 hours brisk winds at S.W. and squally. All sail set steering per Compass. N.E. by N. saw Nothing employed in Ships duty this ends

Lat by Obs 36.34 S. Long by Obs 188.28 East

Tuesday March 21st

Commences with a brisk breeze at S.W. and fine weather. Middle and Latter part brisk winds from S. to S.E. all sail set steering per Compass. N.E. by N. saw Nothing employed in Ships duty & setting up shacks, this ends.

No Obs. Lat by a count 36.40, Long by Obs 190.18 East

Wednesday March 22nd

Commences with a moderate breeze at S.E. Middle and Latter part brisk winds from S. & S.E. and fine weather. All sail per Compass. N.E. by N. All sail set saw Nothing employed in Ships duty & setting up shacks, this ends.

Lat by Obs 32.35 S. Long by Obs 191.35 East, Long by Obs 191.25 East

Thursday March 23rd

All there 24 hours light baffling winds overcast and squally steering per Compass. N.E. by N. All sail set. At 4 p.m. saw a heavy Breach run for it saw Nothing more of it. Employed in setting up shacks & Ships duty, this ends.

Lat by Obs 30.53 S. Long by Obs 192.20 East

Friday March 24th

All there 24 hours brisk winds and squally varying from S. to S.E. Ship heading N.E. by N. all forward sail set. saw Nothing. Employed in Ships duty, this ends.

Lat by Obs 24.32 S. No Obs

Saturday March 25th

Commences with strong winds at S. and overcast, Middle and Latter part a gale at S.E. and thick rainy weather heading N.E. all forward sail set, saw Nothing. Employed in Ships duty this ends, Lat by Obs 28.24 S. No Obs.

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Saturday March 26th

Fore and Middle parts heavy gales & squally harder at S. & S.E. Ship heading N.E. by N. under storm sails, Latter part light airs and calms with a heavy swell and a thick fog. Ship heading to the East. saw Nothing. this ends. 192.38 East

Lat by Obs 24.55 S.

Sunday March 27th

Commences with strong winds at N.E. and thick squally weather. Middle part much the same. Steered per Compass. N.E. at 5 A.M. had a heavy tempest, and the rain fell in torrents, at daylight saw a shoal of sperm whales, close to the ship, some chased and darted. Chased the whales until there came a heavy tempest, and the rain from dawn, gave up the chase and came on board. Continued thick and rainy until Noon. at Noon lifted up sperm whales in sight of the ship. Employed in cleaning ship, this ends.

No Obs.



Tuesday March 28th

Commences with light winds at N.W. and pleasant. Whales in sight, some and struck one whale and darted at two more, at 12 p.m. took the whale a long side, and commenced cutting. At sunset finished clean up the decks and set the watch. Middle part light airs and calms, and thick weather. Lay by under about sail. Latter part light winds and variable. Ship working to the N.E. saw Nothing. Employed in Boiling, this ends.

Lat by Obs 27.47 S.

Long by Obs 195.22 East

Wednesday March 29th

Commences with light variable winds and overcast. Middle part much the same. Ship working to the N.E. Employed in Boiling. Latter part a moderate breeze at S.E. and thick rainy weather, at 7 A.M. Coaled down the tanks, steered per Compass. N.E. all forward sail set, saw Nothing. this ends.