

Ship File of *Beaufort* in the South
1836.

Monday March 28th

First part calm hot sultry weather

Middle part moderate breezes from S.E. to East and clear pleasant weather stood to the South.

Latter part moderate breezes from East to E.S.E. and clear pleasant weather. At 8 A.M. lashed ship to the South and made all sail in pursuit of whales.

So ends 2/3 of the crew employed variously about ships duty.

Lat obs. 28.17 South. Long by Cr. 167.18.30 East.

Tuesday March 29th

First part moderate breezes from S.S.E. and clear pleasant weather. Stood to the S.W. with all sails set to the best advantage in pursuit of whales but saw nothing. At 6 P.M. took in light sails.

Middle part much the same light breezes from S.S.E. and clear pleasant weather. At 10 P.M. veered ship to the S.E. At 4 A.M. veered ship to the S.W.

Latter part light breezes from E.S.E. to S.S.W. and clear pleasant weather. At 6 A.M. saw Norfolk Island bearing S.E. by East. Distance about 55 Miles. At 8 A.M. veered ship to the Eastward. At 10 A.M. saw and from

Whale going quick to the S.S.W. so ends employed in altering and repairing our Oregon top & other sails.

Lat obs. 28.55 South. Long by Cr. 167.20 East.

Wednesday March 30th

First part moderate breezes from South to S.S.E. and clear pleasant weather. Stood to the Eastward with all sails set in chase of the whale. At 1 P.M. he

came up going quick to the S.S.W. lashed ship for him and sent off 3 boats. At 3 P.M. came up with him. Struck and killed him. At 6 A.M. took him to the ship and took in sail for the night.

Norfolk Island bearing E.S.E. distance about forty miles.

Pacific Ocean on a Whaling voyage.

Wednesday March 30th Continued

Middle part light breezes from the South lay by one whale.

Latter part light breezes from S.W. and clear pleasant weather. At 6 A.M. commenced cutting our whale with

Norfolk Island bearing E.S.E. about 20 Miles being

currented last night twenty miles right to windward.

At 10 A.M. succeeded in getting the whale's head off and the body in and commenced cutting it. So ends

no observation. Land in sight.

Thursday March 31st

First part moderate breezes from S.W. to S.S.W. and a high swell. At 1 P.M. finished cutting head. At 3 A.M.

cleared up our decks, wore ship to the S.W. and made

sail. At 4 A.M. employed in cutting up the whale's

hulk and putting it into racks. Middle part moderate breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant

weather. Employed in boiling head. Latter part moderate breezes from East and clear pleasant

weather. At 6 A.M. made sail to the S.W. At 7 A.M. wore ship to the S.E. At 11 A.M. saw 2 ships under short

sail between the Islands. So ends employed in boiling one whale.

Lat obs. 29.08 South. Land in sight.

Friday April 1st

First part moderate breezes from E. to E.S.E. stood to the S.E. At 6 P.M. put the ship under short sail for the

night. Middle part much the same moderate breezes and pleasant weather. At 10 P.M. wore ship to the South.

At 4 A.M. wore ship to the S.E.

Latter part moderate breezes from South to S.S.W. At 8 A.M. wore ship to the S.E. Norfolk Island bearing

E by North about 20 Miles distant. one sail in sight

between the Islands. So ends employed in boiling one whale.

Lat obs. 29.14 South. Land in sight.