

Ship *Nile* of New Bedford in the
1856.

Friday April 22nd

First part strong wind from South and thick cloudy weather. Tacked off and on the land plying to the South in company with the ship *Friendship*. Middle part strong gales from South and thick squally weather. Stood off shore to the Eastward under storm sail. At 3 A.M. took in the Bough boat. Latter part much the same strong gales from South and thick squally rainy weather. At 8 A.M. more ship to the Westward and made sail. At 10 A.M. more back to the Eastward. So ends. Ship labouring under short sail plying to the South.

Lat obs. 37° 42' South. Long by Cr. 179° 42' 15" E.

Saturday April 23rd

First part strong wind from South to S.S.E. and thick cloudy heavy weather and a bad swell. At 2 P.M. more ship to the S.W. At 6 A.M. more back to the Eastward. Middle part strong winds and variables sometimes with hard squalls. At others more moderate. Stood to the Eastward under short sail. Latter part strong wind from S.S.E. and thick cloudy weather. At 6 A.M. more ship to the S.W. and made sail. So ends ship *Friendship* in company.

Lat obs. 38° 02' South. Long by Cr. 179° 45' 30" West.

Sunday April 24th

First part strong wind from S.S.E. and thick cloudy squally weather. Stood to the S.W. till 6 P.M. then more ship to the Eastward.

Middle part much the same strong winds from S.S.E. to E.S.E. and thick cloudy weather. Stood to the Eastward till midnight. Then more ship to the South and made sail.

Latter part moderate breezes from E.S.E. and thick cloudy squally looking weather. Stood to the South with all sails set to the best advantage. So ends ship *Friendship* in company. Land in sight.

Lat obs. 39° 15' South. Long by Cr. 180° 40' 11" E.

South Pacific Ocean on a whaling voyage.

Monday April 25th

First part brisk wind from E.N.E. and thick cloudy weather. Course S.E.

Middle part much the same brisk wind from E.N.E. and thick cloudy weather. Course South by East.

Latter part strong wind from N.E. and thick cloudy squally heavy looking weather. At 6 A.M. Course S by West with all sails set to the best advantage in company with the ship *Friendship*.

Lat obs. 41° 25' S. Long by Cr. 178° 39' 30" E.

Tuesday April 26th

First part strong wind from N.E. and thick cloudy heavy looking weather. Course S.W. with all sails set to the best advantage.

Middle part much the same strong wind from N.E. and thick squally weather. Course S.W.

Latter part much the same strong wind from S.W. and thick cloudy squally weather and a bad swell from the South. Course S.W. by West. Here we saw much Celp and many Fowls of different kinds. So ends Ship *Friendship* in company.

Lat obs. 42° 41' South. Long by Cr. 174° 16' East.

Wednesday April 27th

First part strong wind from N.E. attended with squally rainy weather. At 4 P.M. hauled in the Studdensails and luffed to to the N.W. with the Main yard back. At 5 A.M. spoke the ship *Friendship* took in the Main top Gallant sail reefed the Top sails and steered off S.S.W.

Middle part thick squally weather. At 9 A.M. hauled by the main to the Eastward and double reefed top sails.

Latter part At 4 A.M. made sail and steered S.S.W. At 6 A.M. saw the land. Bearing S.W. by W. Steered on for it and sent 2 boats in pursuit of Harbour seals - fine pleasant weather.

Lat obs. 43° 26' South. Land in sight.