

Ship Omega on the Coast of New Zealand August 1847

August Remarks Thursday the 19th 1847

first part of the 24 hours moderate breezes from the South and East on shifting to the Westward under all sail in hopes to be off the coast of New Zealand by the 20th. Saw 2 fine backs at 3 killed a large whale in getting up boats at sunset took in all sail from a close reef from 6 P.M.

Middle part fine gentle breezes and fine weather at daylight made all sail steering South West

Later part fine gentle breezes and pleasant weather. Saw a school of porpoises employed busily

31.05
178.18

Remarks Friday the 20th 1847

first part of the 24 hours gentle breezes from the South East on shifting to the South and West at sunset took in the light sails steering South by West

Middle part fine gentle breezes (same as the same)

Later part wind from the North East. Made all sail course South by West employed in getting the ship ready for leaving the anchorage. Took to light for 3 P.M. Oct that it is very essential they should be in readiness

32.08
178.58

Remarks Saturday the 21st 1847

first part of the 24 hours moderate breezes from the South and East course South by West all sail out at sunset light baffling winds all around the compass and plenty of rain

Middle part gentle breezes from the South East at 10 P.M. saw a light sail from the ship sailing at daylight. Saw a large sperm whale at 7 P.M. killed all the boats and struck him at 10 P.M. took him along side and commenced cutting so early with gentle breezes from the Westward and as fine weather as ever then employed cutting

Cruising off three Kings New Zealand

Remarks Sunday the 22nd August 1847

first part of the 24 hours gentle breezes from the Westward and fine pleasant weather employed cutting a large whale at sunset finished cutting doubled up the top sails from the rigging by to the topmast. Saw a back of a whale cutting leaving by to the back

Middle part fine gentle breezes from the Westward on shifting by to the South East and fine weather. Saw 2 fine backs at 3 P.M. saw a back of a whale cutting leaving by to the back

33.06
178.13

Remarks Monday the 23rd 1847

first part of the 24 hours strong breezes from the South East and considerable sea running still abating at 1 P.M. saw the South Cape of New Zealand bearing South East at 11 miles. Saw a back of a whale heading by to the West at sunset. The ship under a close reef from 6 P.M. and the boats on the upper cross all appearance of rain

Later part Breeze heavy from the South East and plenty of rain. Finished baling the head and put on the pump. Later part cleared the yards steering West under a close reef. Main top sail and mainmast rain cannot sail New Zealand so early still raining

34.05
172.53

Remarks Tuesday the 24th 1847

first part of the 24 hours strong breezes from the South East course West under a close reef from 6 P.M. took the ship to the land and commenced baling the gear abating and moderating fast at 4 P.M. fine weather and wind from the West. Saw the land under the three Kings bearing South West dist. 30 miles were ship and made sail steering by the wind heading better and baling Middle part Breeze a gale took in all sail from a close reef and made sail at daylight tremendous rain from the South East at 10 P.M. commenced baling. Saw the land from South to South West and heading better and a heavy heavy rain from the Westward at sunset blowing so heavy could not sail to land

35.04
172.10