New Zealand

Ship Omega Steering towards Cook Straits

October Sunday the 5th 1845

First part Strong breeze from the Southward
Course Left down along Shore at 6 PM
Banks Peninsular bearing West distt 10 miles
Course Steer all sail west Middle part fresh
breeze Course Steer by Log & make Signals at 4 PM saw
the Land bearing West distance to them Set double gaff
at 7 PM tripped the Mizen to under a close reef Main
Sail Heading East Both Ends off Shore weather pressy
do not think it prudent to run into Bays expected
into Cooks Straits Strong breeze & fine weather
however hope it will clear off Shore at 11 PM Banks Peninsular
very high Mountains all covered with Snow at noon Signals
Land one point between Left & Half and the Eastern Entrance

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Monday the 6th 1845

First part of these 24 hours Strong breeze from the South
we laying under a close reef Main Sail heading to the East 2 th
P.P. at 1 past Meridian moon kept off per Cooks Straits and
Set all the Canvas that would draw Course by Compass Left at 5 PM
passed Cape Campbell and opened Clarets Bay Course Left by East Shore
Cape Pallisers on Left Hand bearing Left the East mid Part Cook
Likelton also on Left Hand bearing N E East we Steering down between
the two Headlands the one on Left Hand and the one on South Island
that forms Queen Charlotte Sound Saw also 4 Small Islands near the land
on South Island Middle part very Squally Course Left by Compass
Saw Mount Egmont or Left Hand Towering above the Clouds
this an rising Mountain has a Volcano with Snow East Coast not
Saw the Land on South Island Left 38.09 Long 178.50

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Tuesday the 7th 184[illegible]

First part of these 24 hours gentle breeze from
the South East Course West Cape Egmont bearing
South East distt 25 miles at 8 PM took leave from
West South West Hand Short Steering by Heading North West
at 7 AM took in all Sail Save a Close reef Main Sail
Sail and Spencers Middle part Strong breeze from
the South West at daylight Set double
reefs Latter part fine pleasant weather
Made all Sail Steering South Course
West South West at noon Saw Mount
Egmont bearing East distt 65 Miles

Off the West Side of New Zealand Ocean

December Wednesday 8th 1845

First part of these 24 hours gentle breeze
from the South Course steer South East at 4 Sunset
at Sunset took in the Gaff Sail and South East
fine pleasant weather Middle part the same
Set Top gallt sails and Stay the Main Sail

Latter part fine pleasant with the Course
of the Ship Heading South East nothing the Wind
to require it a little less inclining to Leeward

39.03 South
174.13 East

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Thursday 9th 1845

First part fine 24 hours gentle breeze
from the South West steering by the Wind heaving
Boat Log at 1 PM saw Whales at 3 PM Struck
at 6 PM killed the and took him to the Ship

Middle part took in all Sail at daylight
commenced cutting at 11 finished and commenced
Sailing

Strong breeze and nothing in Sight to Course
Still Sailing

38.45 South
174.15

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Friday 10th 1845

First part Moderate breeze from the South
West employed Sailing under Short Sail

Middle part fine gentle breeze at daylight
Saw a Sail on the Eastward Steering North
West

Latter part made all Sail Steering by Heading
North West nothing in Sight Lat noon Finished
Sailing the Whale Thus and 55 Bbls

37.05
170.33

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