

The Omega bound to the Equatorial line

Friday the 12th

first part took bearings from the East & East
all sail out hoping to hold our own off the horizon
at 5 PM the Capt. came off with 10 boat-loads
of trade took up the boat and stored it & West
all sail out to here to Rotating a garden of Eden
but a storm had blown to lay off and on with the wind
as we have had it to the north mostly we have left 2
coloured gentlemen on the Island James Jones you must
have and Henry Gardner Stewart deserted here
Philip & natives in their place Middle part lights
Lat 10.55 over Lateral part Moderate trades heading E & West
and West at noon to East the land in sight
41 miles off

Saturday the 13th

first part of these 24 hours strong breeze from
West steering to the Eastward at 3 PM
took ship to the West at Sunset Rotating
just in sight bearing South East Middle part
light air latter part calm employed drying
jams and storing them away

Sunday the 14th 1848

first part of these 24 hours calm - calm - calm
nothing in sight Middle part brisk breeze from
the South Course E & East all sail out
Lat 10.30 latter part light air and calms to East
159.55

Monday the 15th

first part of these 24 hours light baffling
winds from the Eastward all sail out Middle
part calm calm calm
latter part do employed painting the Omega's
heads the first time since leaving home that the
ship has been so we could paint her heads
at 10 & 11 AM land bearing E & East called it Hervey's
Island 41 miles off calm no fish in sight but hope
14.26 there will be some some of the brothers are making
their boat sails larger

Steering towards the Equator in May 48

Tuesday 16th 1848

first part of these 24 hours calm calm calm
Hervey's Island in sight dist 30 miles employed on
the pegging and other jobs
Middle part calm calm at daylight Hervey's Island
bore the dist 18 miles
latter part calm do employed painting the heads
the Starboard Side

Wednesday 17th 1848

first part of these 24 hours calm
at Sunset Hervey's Island bore the dist 15
miles no more or any signs of any Middle part calm
latter part brisk breeze from South East and Squally steering
for the land at noon land 5 miles off hoisted aback in
order to go on shore for coconuts

Thursday the 18th

Hervey Island

first part of these 24 hours brisk
breeze from the South East at 1 PM
went on shore at Hervey's Island
and landed and the West Side found 3
native men and one woman at 5 PM
boat returned with 1000 Coconuts

HERVEY'S Island

took one native from the ship steering E & East
off this Island Middle part strong trades from the
East and Squally all prudent sail
went

Latter part strong trades and clear
Lat 12.40 weather Course E & East all sail out
Long 169.55

Friday the 19th

first part of these 24 hours strong trades
from the East all sail out Course E & East
Middle part brisk breeze
latter part do saw a School of finbacks hope
Lat 15.43 sperm whales will come soon employed painting
Long 158.11 over potatoes

Saturday the 20

first part brisk breeze from the East course
E & East all sail out Middle part same
Squally heading the same
13.55 latter part do employed peacefully
157.40 no fish in sight