

Ship Oniege Steering towards the Societies 1849

Saturday the 17th

Commenced with light air all sail out heading S. East saw a great number of Birds. Suppose Caroline Island not far off to the Eastward. Middle part light air and calm. Latter part do. Ambient the main top sail and bent an old hand line.

Sunday the 18th

Commenced with light air and calm. Towed a boat to try the Current. Found little or none. What there was apparently setting S. West. Middle part squally. Latter part a brisk breeze. 11.02 and clear wind rather strong. Sails low and 149.35 aloft. Course S. East.

Monday the 19th

Finish part of the 24 hours a moderate breeze from the North. Course S. East. Steering sails low and a squall. Middle part light air. Latter much the same. S. East employed repairing an old Sill. Le Ends.

Tuesday the 20th

Finish part of the 24 hours light air heading up S. East. Middle part much the same. At daylight off S. East. Tacked 12.51 the same at daylight off S. East. Tacked 149.40 ship heading S. E. by N. at 10 A.M. off R. East. Tacked 149.40 at noon a brisk breeze of S. E.

Wednesday the 21st

Commenced with a moderate breeze all sail. 14.04 out. Sharp by heading S. East. 148.32 Middle part light breeze heading S. East. Latter part brisk breeze and squally S. E.

Thursday the 22nd

Commenced with a brisk breeze and somewhat squally heading from South to S. E. by S. Middle part the same. Latter part do. Saw sperm whales struck 7 and saved 2. 15.25 saw a small shark 3 at the whales we lost by 149.41 the line. Parting S. East.

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Friday the 23rd

Finish part of the 24 hours a gentle breeze. Steering S. East all sail out. Cutting in 2 sperm whales at sunset finished set the main sail. Middle part a light breeze. 16.49 at daylight a moderate fair breeze heading up S. East. 149.55 employed cleaning the decks. At noon commenced hoisting. Saturday the 24th

Commenced with a moderate breeze from the East. Ship by heading S. East inclining squally. Middle part calm and squally also heavy thunder and sharp lightning at daylight saw Otahiti bearing S. East. Also saw Tetiarua bearing E. S. East. dist 8 miles. Employed hoisting latter part the same at noon saw Point Venus.

Sunday the 25th

Commenced with a brisk breeze at 4 P.M. hauled aboard off Pannara for a Right. Stopped a suitable time and none came off and a Gentleman. Passenger that came from Oahu with us volunteered to take us in which he did in a proper manner and satisfactory to all. An anchor was in 11 fathoms of water at 6 P.M. the Pilot came on board to take us down to the Shipping at Papeete. Accordingly weighed our anchor and with a light breeze stood down through the Passage when about half way was obliged to drop our anchor on strike of coral bed as the ship would not answer her helm and a kedge out astern. The length of 3 miles took 4 hours. We then fought until the ship was a proper distance and let the ship lay through the night at daylight went to the harbor and got assistance from the ship. Yarns then started and joined the ship the rest of the way to the anchorage in a flood of rain. Le Ends.

Monday the 26th

Finish part of the 24 hours constant rain. Employed discharging goods belonging to Passengers & boat crew away at Pannara. Fishing at the kedge anchor at 5 P.M. returned. Middle part constant rain thunder and lightning at daylight the ship Yarns then went out. At Sea sent a small boat on shore on liberty it being Sunday. Le Ends.