

Steering towards Chatham Island Jan 1850

Thursday the 17th

First part of the 24 hours a moderate breeze all sail out Course S.P. East. Middle part wind rather Course the same latter part a brisk breeze from the same. No 58 quater all sail out employed reefing and 98th 44 Old Fell. So Ends

Friday the 18th

First part of the 24 hours a moderate breeze from the North all sail out Course S.P. East at sunset took in all sail heading to the N. East. 13.50 at daylight Made all sail steering off S. East by East 17th 30 latter part fine gentle breeze and pleasant weather So Ends

Saturday the 19th

First part of the 24 hours light baffling wind from the N. East at sunset shortened sail light breeze from the S.P. East. more ship heading S.P. East. Middle part wind R.R. East more ship heading S.P. East at daylight Made all sail latter part thick rising weather took in light sails at noon quite clear and no land in sight

Sunday the 20th

First part of the 24 hours a moderate breeze from R.R. and hazy under easy sail heading S.P. East. Standing towards us. Spoke and found her the Hercules Imbert of R. Red 30. Master 300 had not taken a whale this last 16 months. Middle part commenced blowing back in the fore and Muzzin by sail at daylight. Blowing heavy close reefed the Main top sail and turned up the boats latter part heading back by rather wind R.R. East. at noon wind least blowing very heavy and a high sea saw the Hercules under 3 Staysails to leeward of us on the same tack So Ends

Monday the 21th

First part blowing a hard gale from East S. East. under a close reef. Main top sail heading South at sunset something of a fall the first since daylight. more ship heading R. East. Middle part moderating part at daylight Made sail heading R. East. at 9 A.M. saw the land Chatham Island bearing R. East. at 10 A.M. more ship heading off East S. East under all sail saw killers and Porpoises. So Ends

Tuesday the 22th 1850

First part of the 24 hours a brisk breeze from the North all sail out heading East S. East at 4 PM. more ship to the North at sunset took in all sail. more sail to the North of us the land just in sight. Middle part moderate at daylight made all sail. Steering by to the leeward spoke ship Hercules and steering off in Company S. East

Wednesday the 23th

First part of the 24 hours a moderate breeze all sail out steering by heading to the leeward in Company with the Hercules. at 5 PM. saw 3 boats from each ship but saw nothing more at sunset took in all sail. Middle part a moderate breeze wind hauled to S. East at daylight Made all sail heading in R. East. at 8 A.M. saw the land latter part thick weather and muggy no land in sight

Thursday the 24th

First part of the 24 hours thick cloudy weather all sail out heading in those in Company with the Hercules at 4 PM. more ship of those heading South at 9 PM. took in all sail. Middle part more sail at daylight Made all sail heading S.P. East. more S. East at night saw the land the Hercules in sight

Friday the 25th

Commenced with a brisk breeze from S. East all sail out steering by heading S.P. East at sunset wind hauled to the R. East. shortened sail and more ship heading Northward towards the land. Middle part shortened sail for the night at daylight Made sail steering by heading off South latter part under double reef a strong breeze and rough So Ends the Hercules in sight to leeward

Saturday the 26th

Commenced with a strong breeze from the East under double reef at 2 PM. more ship heading rather on high bore to leeward. saw him lower 3 boats and strike a whale and part to him with one boat 3 hours and then cut from him could not get there ourselves no chance. Middle part more ship heading S. East wind hauled to R. East heading up R. East at daylight foggy heading East R. East So Ends