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Remarks on Board of Bark Ontario of New Bedford

Wednesday October 28th 1853

Throughout these 24 hours strong breeze and squally with shower of rain heading various courses wind various way. Nothing in sight.

Lat Obs 34° 30' S. Long by Chron 157° 30' E
Thursday Oct 29th

Continues strong breeze and squally from the Westward heading to the Northward. Saw 2 Sails and caught a Porpoise. Middle part squally. Latter part moderate breeze and pleasant heading various ways. Nothing in sight worthy of remark.

Lat Obs 33° 29' S. Long by Chron 159° 18' E
Friday Oct 30th

Continues moderate breeze from W by N. heading N. E. Saw Pintacks. Middle part moderate. Latter part fresh breeze heading to the Westward. at 11 AM. Saw sperm Whales at meridian. Lowered the boat in chase.

Lat Obs 33° 18' S. Long by Chron 159° 20' E
Saturday Oct 31st

Continues fresh breeze the boat in pursuit of the Whales. Struck two. to the Sailboat & Bow Boat. 5 PM took them to the Ship and made them fast and got all ready for cutting. Middle and latter part strong breeze and squally with moderate lightning and rain parted from one of the Whales. Stole but fastened to him in time to get another fluke & hair on him. So ended this day.

Lat by Ac 33° 45' S
Long by Chron 159° 36' E

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Wm W. Burnes. Master Cruising. New Zealand

Sunday November 1st 1853

The wind and weather about the same made an attempt to cut but gave it up for a bad job. Middle part squally. daylight light breeze commenced cutting. Employed in cutting the rest of this day.

Lat Obs 33° 33' S

Monday Nov 2nd

Fresh breeze and squally the first part of this day 8 PM finished cutting all but one head. Middle and latter part squally 9 AM. Commenced boiling. the head along side yet all safe.

No Obs

Tuesday Nov 3rd

Continues strong breeze and squally with rain showers. Middle and latter part strong gale and rugged with light rain in squally. Employed in boiling the head along side yet all safe.

Lat Obs 33° 38' S. Long by Chron 160° 03' E

Wednesday Nov 4th

Continues the same strong breeze from the Westward and squally with showers of rain. Employed in boiling but were slow. Middle part strong gale & heavy squally 2 P.M. lost the head from along side with part of two chains & 1 tub of lard. Latter part more moderate began boiling again.

Lat Obs 33° 18' S. Long by Chron 160° 30' E

Thursday Nov 5th

Commence rather more moderate heading to the N. W. boiling. Middle and latter part light breeze and pleasant weather heading various courses. Wind various way. Employed in boiling. Saw nothing worthy of remark.

Lat Obs 33° 33' S

Long by Chron 163° 35' E