

Remarks on Board of Whaler Ontario of No. 434

Saturday December 26th 1863

Commenced moderate breeze from N.W. to heading West. finished P.S. Sail and bent it. Middle part Squally. Latter part Gentle breeze. Steering West. Saw Lord Howe Island a low Island covered with trees to the North of us 10 miles.

Lat 46° 5' 15" S. Long by Chron 157° 25' E

Sunday Dec 27th

Continued Gentle breeze from the Westward steering to the Westward. Middle and Latter part light baffling Wind & calm.

Lat 46° 6' 16" S. Long 158° 40' E

Monday Dec 28th

Light air and calm the first part of this day. Middle part the same Latter part light air 10 AM. Saw Spinn Whales & Scurvy & Boats in Chase. Struck & drewed from 2200 fath to the Whales at Meridian.

Lat 46° 6' 12" S. Long by Chron 158° 05' E

Tuesday Dec 29th

Continued light air and calm took the Whales to the Ship at 10 PM and made them fast. Middle part Squally with Showers. Lightning and Rain. Sun light chilled all hands and caused head cutting. Latter part Gentle breeze and fine weather. Employed in cutting the rest of this day pretty good luck so far and I wish it may continue.

Lat 46° 6' 11" S. Long by Chron 158° 17' E

Wm. W. Barney Master. Cruising for S. Oil

Wednesday Dec 30th 1863

Fine weather Wind from N.E. W heading to the Southward 4 PM finished cutting cleared away the Heads & S.W. began boiling. Rainy through night cooled down the Work. Latter part rigged an old sail over the top and began to boil again. Ends light breeze and low sky. Boiling No Co.

Thursday Dec 31st

First part light air from N.E. and cloudy weather heading to the N.W. Boiling. Middle and Latter part calm & light air. Employed in boiling and other jobs. Nothing in sight.

Lat 46° 5' 54" S. Long by Chron 158° 05' E

Friday January 1st 1864

Continued light air heading to the N.W. Middle and Latter part light N.E. Wind. Steering W. N.W. & employed in boiling &c &c.

Lat 46° 5' 54" S. Long by Chron 157° 08' E

Saturday Jan 2nd

Light N.W. Windy and pleasant weather 5 PM finished boiling turned up 130 lbs. Middle part Calm. Latter part Gentle breeze from the N.W. Steering W. N.W. Saw the Island of Christmas bearing S. by W. dist 45 miles and Bougainville bearing N. N.W. dist 70 miles. So ends Squally.

Lat 46° 5' 54" S. Long 156° 30' E

Sunday Jan 3rd

The Wind and weather continues the same heading to the Westward. Middle part much the same. Latter part Squally with Rain. Wind variable heading to the W. N.W. for the rest of this day.

Lat 46° 5' 25" S. by D. R.
Long 156° 00' E