

Ship Ensign James A. Norton Master
Remarks on Board Friday December 25th 1854

First part fine pleasant weather light breeze from the SE saw 5th rite whales leered and chased but with out success middle and latter part wind and weather much the same employed stowing down oil in the fore hold one whale in sight leered and chased without success so ends

Lat 45° 30'
Long 153° 15' W

Remarks on Board Saturday December 26

First part fine pleasant weather and light variable winds at 1 P.M. leered the Starboard and Starboard Boat fore white whale the Starboard Boat struck and the line parted middle and latter part fine breeze from the North employed stowing down oil in the fore hold at 8 P.M. saw a rite whale leered the Starboard and Starboard Boat at 10 A.M. at 11 A.M. the Starboard and Starboard Boat leered and the Starboard Boat struck and took the whale to the Ship so ends 24 hours

Lat 45° 45' S
Long 155° 50' W

Remarks on Board Sunday December 27

First part pleasant weather and light breeze from the Northward at 4 P.M. commenced cutting the whale and finished at 6 P.M. and set the watch for the night middle and latter part strong breeze from the North and overcast weather employed boiling 24 hours

Lat 45° 12' S
Long 153° 44' W

Cruising in New Zealand
Remarks on Board Monday December 28th 1854

This day commences with a fresh breeze from the North and overcast weather at 2 P.M. saw 2 rite whales leered 3 boats and the Starboard Boat struck the whale ran to the windward at 6 P.M. cut and came on board took the boat up and took in sail and set the watch employed boiling middle and latter part wind and weather much the same employed boiling at 10 P.M. Shook the ship Gen D. Pike of New Bedford no Obs

Remarks on Board Tuesday December 29th

This day commences with a fresh gale from the Eastward and overcast weather middle and latter part heavy gale and raining weather laying to on the Starboard tack under closed reefed main top sail and fore topmast staysail so ends no Obs

Remarks on Board Wednesday December 30th

This day commences with fresh gales from SE by E and driving overcast weather middle and latter part wind from the Southward weather much the same laying to under closed reefed main top sail and fore topmast staysail so ends 24 hours

Lat 46° 22' S Long 156° 13' W

Remarks on Board Thursday 31st December 31st

First part moderate gale from the Southward and overcast weather and heavy sea running middle and latter part much the same employed stowing down oil in the fore hold nothing in sight so ends 24 hours no Obs