

Coast of Japan

Remarks on board Tuesday August 17th 1830

All these 24 hours light airs and calm, with pleasant weather. On the latter part broke up the hold and took up the iron hoops, and wet the oil, which I think by the appearance of the water that we pump, it's beginning to leak. Latitude by Obs 30.24 Long by Dr 171.00 East

Wednesday August 18th

First part light airs from East, steering to the North, coopers employed in setting up shook cask for oil, if we should be fortunate enough to get any more, for it looks now as though we should never see any more, the other day there was even signs of whales, which we usually see, but now there is nothing for the eye to rest upon, but here and there a poor half starved bird, a setting on the water, not able to appearance, to rise to look for food, however I am in hopes things will alter for the better soon. On the latter part it looked more lively, we see a great many porpoises, and a whale breach, but she was so far off, and the ^{wind} light, that we could not get near enough to see her spout. It ends with gentle breezes from E. S. steering to the North. Latitude by Obs 30.44 Long by Dr 169.40 East

Thursday August 19th

All these 24 hours light breezes from the Eastward steering to the North, see porpoises and grampuses. On the latter part see a Ship to the Eastward a boiling

Latitude by Obs 31.54 Long by Dr 169.20 E

Friday August 20th

light breezes and pleasant. At 2 past 12 M. saw a large whale off the lee, lowered and chased. At 4 got a slight iron in to her which soon came out, chased her till sundown without getting up to her again, while off saw more whales

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Middle part run off to the westward the same course the whales were a going. At 3 in the morning heard one spout close to the Ship, still continued running under short sail. Latter part at 6 in the whale 4 miles from the Ship. At 8 the whale still the same distance off, and the wind light lowered the boat. At 10 made fast and at 11 took her along side. End, calm with a very hot sun, got ready for cutting

Latitude by Obs 31.57 Long by Dr 168.20 East

Saturday August 21st

Still light airs and calm, and very hot. At sundown finished cutting. Through the night and latter part light airs from the North, employed a boiling

Latitude by Obs 31.57 Long by Dr 168.00 East

Sunday August 22nd

First part light breezes from North and N. N. W. steering to the S. W. saw two Ships to the windward. Middle part equally. Latter part fresh breezes from N. N. E. and equally, employed a boiling. Lat by Obs 31.13 Long by lunar 167.45 East

Monday August 23rd

First part moderate with fair weather steering to the Eastward. At 5 p.m. finished boiling. Middle and latter part light air from the North. At 10 A.M. saw a small shoal of whales going very quick, lowered the boat and got a dead of them, and made fast to one, and before the boat took tow the iron broke, the whales quickened there and went off without being able to get near them again. At noon returned on board. Lat by Obs 31.00 Long 168.00 East

Tuesday August 24th First and Middle part light airs and calm. Latter part. At 6 A.M. saw another shoal of whales going very quick to the north, wind N. N. W. At 10 fired breezes, got the whales off the lee quarter, lowered the boat to take them head and head, but before we could get to them they were off and got past us. At noon returned on board

Latitude 30.32