

Coast of Japan

Remarks on board Wednesday September 22<sup>d</sup> 1830

First part light airs and calm, employed a stowing down sail, Middle & Latter part moderate breezes from ESE with pleasant weather, steering to the South, see finbacks, and Sharks.

Latitude by Obs. 31:34 N. Long. by Lunar 173:30 E

Thursday September 23<sup>d</sup>

First part moderate breezes in the ESE steering to the South. At 4 p.m. finished stowing down Middle part equally with fresh breezes, wore ship and steered to the eastward. Latter part strong gales and ruggled.

Lat by Obs 31:53. Long by lunar 173:50 East

Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>

First part, more moderate, wind SE Middle part steered to the westward. Latter part steered to the Eastward, moderate breezes with hazy weather. Latitude by Obs. 32:59 Long

Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>

Satill moderate, with hazy weather, steering by the wind to the Eastward, Longitude by lunar At 4 p.m. 174:38 East

Middle part moderate and pleasant Latter part the same, At 6 a.m. wore ship and steered to the westward, wind South At 11 a.m. papered the carcass of a whale

Latitude by Obs 32:10 South, Long 174:25 East

Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>

First part moderate breezes from South, steering to the westward. Middle part equally with sharp lightning, wind veered to the westward Latter part moderate breezes from South, ESE with squalls of rain, steered S.W.

Latitude by Obs 31:49 N Long East

Monday September 27<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hours moderate breezes from the Southward, steering to the westward see grampuses and porpoises. Longitude by lunar At 11 a.m. was 173:52 East.

Latter by Obs 31:24 South

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Remarks on board Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup>

First part moderate breezes from the South steered West, but could see nothing to encourage me to steer that way any longer Through the night lay under short sail

Latter part At 4 a.m. wore ship, set all sail, and steered East, with fine breezes from WSW. Latitude 31:45 Long 174:10 East

Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>

First part fine breezes in the SW steering ESE. Middle part sun under short sail At 12 have tea. Latter part steered on to the Eastward, with fine breezes. At 10 a.m. saw three large Whales going quick to the westward. At 11 lowered the boats for one but she was too far off for them, she went down before they could get to her. At 12 they came up again, but too far off to get on, called the boats on board, made sail to come up with them again, Lat 31:50. 175:30

Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup>

The wind breezing on, from SW. At 2 p.m. one whale came up close to the ship put off and made fast, and got her. At 4 p.m. took her a long side, and commenced cutting. At sundown, took off the tackles and made her fast with three fluke ropes till morning, through the night strong gales and ruggled. Latter part strong gales At daylight wore ship got the whale under the lee and began to cut. At 8 got the head off, but it sunk so heavy, that the chain, either broke, or cut off, (I am unable to determine which) and went down, as quick as though it had been a rock This is something I never saw before, for a head with the junk on, to sink. At 10 finish cutting the belly, wore ship and steered on to the Eastward, by this time it had moderated to a whole sail breeze, and has the appearance of good weather. Lat 32:03 Long 175:50 East

