

Coast of Japan

Remarks on Board Tuesday June 28th 1831

First of these 24 hours pleasantly weather wind South. Whop steering to the Southward, see finbacks. Middle & latter part light airs and calm, saw a sail to the Eastward, saw seven sharks and killed six of them. Latitude by 30.12 Long by 80 East

Wednesday June 29th

First part of these 24 hours light airs and calm. Middle part heavy too latter part light breezes from S.W. steering to the westward, saw porpoises, grampuses and sharks. Lat by 30.32 Long by 80 East

Thursday June 30th

By noon were off land steered S.E. no appearance of Whales here. Through the night ran under short sail latter part steered East wind. S.W. see finbacks and porpoises. At 8 o'clock took a lunar observation which gave the longitude 169.00 East. It is evident by this that there is a very strong current setting to the Eastward, for I have carried all sail for 14 days past (light and day) to get to the westward, and gained but two degrees in the time. Lat 30.30 W

Friday July 1st

Still steering East weather very pleasant, saw two ships, one to the windward steering towards us, and one off the lee beam. At sundown spoke the Cyrus of Antivich. Latter part wind South, saw porpoises and finbacks, few ships in sight. Latitude by 30.16 Long by 170.50 East

Saturday July 2nd

Thick hazy weather steering to the East. At 5 p.m. spoke the ship Rambler. Susan and Cyrus the chance of the day being up we all went on board the Cyrus and passed the evening. At 8 returned on board and steered off North with the intention of going to the North as far as thirty two or three. At 5 o'clock took the wind from S.W. with rain. Latter part fine breezes from Whop steering S.W. At 11 o'clock saw a ship a head steering to the South Latitude by 30.30 Long by 171.30 East

Sunday July 3rd

At 3 p.m. spoke the Stadia with 500.14 months out went on board and got my letters, found by them that there was no Whales to the North for they had been there all the season, and some nothing at concluded to steer again to the South. At 11 o'clock on board of her another sail in sight to the North steering South. Middle & latter part calm. At 11 took a fine breeze from S.E. steering Whop steering South. Latitude by 30.14 Long by 174.00 East

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Remarks on Board Monday July 4th 1831

Fine breezes from S.E. steering Whop. Stadia and strange sail steering same course, a boat 4 miles a part but could see nothing. At sundown came to gather Capt. Coffin and Capt. Clark of Ship Foster (19 months out with 750 lbs) came on board and passed the evening. Latter part fine breezes from S.E. At 10 o'clock (being the 4th of July) set my colours and fired the gun for Capt. Coffin and Clark to come on board when they came down they fired their guns, and in answering them, a spark of fire flew from the match, and set fire to the foresail, but we put it out with but very little damage. At 10 o'clock spoke the Delmyra of Edgartown. Capt. Eldridge came on board and passed the day. Lat 30.20 Long 170.40 East

Tuesday July 5th

Pleasant weather with fine breezes steering to the Whopward. After the fourth of July was over the masters went on board of the same ship. Quinson board of the Delmyra and got some things, then steered on to the westward. Latter part equally passed the Ship Howard. Lat 30.27 Long by 168.50 East

Wednesday July 6th

Fine breezes with smoky weather. At sundown the Foster run down & went on board and got a cask of beer which they had to spare, and at 7 o'clock returned on board, dark clouds to the westward with thunder and lightning. Latter part strong gales with hard squalls steering by the wind to the S.W. Lat by 30.00 Long by 168.00 East

Thursday July 7th

Strong gales with hard squalls at 6 o'clock took fore and mizen top sails and steered off Whop. Middle & latter part fresh breezes and squalls. Lat 30.27 Long 168.00

Friday July 8th

First part fresh breezes from S.E. steering by the wind to the westward. At 3 p.m. spoke the Friedrich Augustus from the Westward and no Whales. Middle & latter part fresh breezes and squalls, carrying all sail the ship would have seen a ship the windward steering Whop. Latitude by 30.13 Long by 168.40 East

Saturday July 9th

Fresh breeze with hard squalls, wind and rain all the 24 hours, wind South. At 11 o'clock spoke the ship Balancing 8 months out with 90 lbs. At 11 o'clock spoke the ship Balancing 8 months out with 90 lbs. Latitude by 31.00 Long by 168.00 East

At 11 o'clock spoke the ship Balancing 8 months out with 90 lbs of oil (see page 168)