

Coast of Japan

Remarks on Board Tuesday August 2^d 1851

First part fresh breezes and squally starting by the wind to the S.W. At 4 p.m. saw a large whale in the John Palmer's wake, which was on our weather beam. The whale was on our weather beam in three miles off, too far to tell which way she was headed, sent two boats to the windward half way to the whale and to lay till she came up again. By this time the other ship saw another whale off their weather beam, which kept them away from us, the whale was down an hour and a quarter when she came up she was to the leeward of the boats and astern of the ship too far off for either of us to get to her. She went down again, and now it would be between sundown and dark before she would be up. I kept the boats off till nearly dark then called them on board soon after the whale came up close by but too late to go after her. The John Palmer got nothing. Latter part pleasant weather and no whales.

Latitude by Obs 30° 32' Long by Lunar 161° 55' East

Wednesday August 3^d

Commenced with light breezes from S.W. steering to the North by 5 o'clock. Ship to the South. Latter part calm with a light swell.

Latitude by Obs 30° 25' Long by Lunar 161° 55'

Thursday August 4th

Light breezes from the Eastward at 4 p.m. the John Palmer passing close by Capt Clark lowered his boat and came on board and spent the evening. Middle part calm. Latter part fine breezes from S.W. three strange sail in sight. At 11 p.m. the John Palmer (just in sight from our mast head) was maneuvering for whales steered for her. One of the strange sail to the leeward was steering for her. Lat 30° 06' N.

Friday August 5th

At three p.m. saw that both ships had boats off and had taken one or more whales along side of their ships. At 4 p.m. saw the whales lower the boats and go on one side. At sundown got her along side at 8 p.m. in the evening finished in King. Latter part fresh breezes with hard squalls. At 9 o'clock began to boil. Lat 30° 13' N Long 161° 30' E

Remarks on board Saturday August 6th

First part fresh breezes from S.W. with hard squalls. Middle part moderate with fair weather. At 11 p.m. ished boiling. Latter part pleasant weather, wind S.W. steered South. Latitude 30° 35' Long 161° 20' East

Sabbath Day August 7th

First part pleasant weather. At noon halled by the wind to the Eastward wind S.W. Middle part fair weather steering on the weather beam, wind variable from S.W. to S.E. Latitude by Obs 30° 38' Long by St. 161° 00' East

Monday August 8th

All these 24 hours pleasant weather wind South. Latitude by Obs 30° 45' North Long by St. 161° 20' East

Tuesday August 9th

First part fair weather, steered S.W. steered 20 lbs of oil in the run. At 4 p.m. caught a porpoise. The first that ever I was to catching on this coast, for it is very seldom that they play around a ship here. Middle part have two latter part steered by the wind to the Eastward wind S.W. on being the main top sail to set fair. At 10 p.m. passed fore barepoises. At 11 p.m. a Barque ship steering to the westward. Latitude by Obs 30° 26' N Long by St. 161° 40' East

Wednesday August 10th

First part steered S.W. wind S.W. with fair weather. Middle part At 11 halled by the wind and headed to the westward. Latter part fine breezes with fair weather. At 7 o'clock ship and steered S.W. saw porpoises. Latitude 31° 06' Long by St. 162° 20'

Thursday August 11th

First part fine breezes from South steered East. Middle part fresh breezes from S.W. steered by the wind to the S.W. under sharp sail. Latter part strong gales, sent down fore & mizzen top gallant yards. At 8 o'clock saw a sail on the weather beam. Ends strong gales with hard squalls. Latitude by Obs 30° 50' Long by St. 163° 00' East

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