

Coast of Japan

Remarks on board Friday August 12th 1831

First part fresh breezes with squalls of rain. At 4 p.m. took in sail and hove too. Middle part hard squalls with rain. Latter part. At daylight took a very heavy squall from S.W. it continued to blow very hard for a half an hour, then moderated to light breezes, with a steady rain. Lat. 29.50. Long. 163.40.

Saturday August 13th

Still moderate with hard showers of rain, wind from S.W. to W.S.W. Middle part calm with a high swell from North. Latter part moderate breezes from S.E. to E.S.E. with cloudy weather. In pumping ship found the oil was a leaking, broke ^{up} the fore hold, and found a pipe all chinked out, in consequence of a broken stove. Stowed off again. till better weather, so as to break out the oil and take it up. Latitude by Obs 30.30. Longitude by Ac 163.50 East.

Sunday August 14th

First part moderate and cloudy. Middle part fresh breezes with hard squalls. Latter part squally with thunder & lightning, wind East steering to the South, saw three ships ~~two~~ two to the South, one off the weather beam. At 11 saw one of the ships to the south manœuvring for whales made all sail and steered for her. Ends strong breezes with thunder lightning and rain. Lat by a glimpse of the Sun 29.41 Long 164.00

Monday August 15th

First part fresh breezes and squally. At 3 p.m. spoke the ship Kindredance of Antwerp with a 1000 ^{lb} 20 months out. They had just taken a large whale along side. It was the only one they see. I went on board and got the letters, returned made sail and steered on to the South. At 4 spoke the ^{ship} Hero 9 months out 800 ^{lb}. I went on board and got the letters, at 7 returned on board. Middle & latter part wind Easterly, very squally with great deal of rain, then ships in sight. Lat by Obs 29.11 Long by Ac 163.50 East

Tuesday August 16th

First part moderate breezes from East with much rain steering to the South. Middle steered to the North, with much the same. Latter part steered S.W. wind E.S.E. weather still very rainy. Lat by Obs 29.30 Long 163.20

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Remarks on board Wednesday August 17th

First part squally rainy weather, steered S.W. wind E.S.E. Middle part cloudy but no rain, steered to the South under short sail. Latter moderate breezes with a regular S.W. fresh rain steered South. Latter under short sail. Latitude by Obs 29.50 Long by Ac 163.40

Thursday August 18th

First part moderate breezes from E.S.E. with rain. At 6 o'clock it light up in a small place to the Westward and the Sun set clear, the first time that I have seen him set for some days past. Middle part fresh breezes. Latter part thick cloudy weather, wind East with fresh breezes. At 12 got one glimpse of the Sun which gave Latitude 31.48 Longitude by Ac 163.00 East

Friday August 19th

First part fine breezes from E.S.E. wore ship and steered S.W. Middle part squally rainy weather. Latter part At 8 wind blowing on land with a steady rain (or I may say a steady fore down, for I never see it rain harder for so long a time). Close reefed the main top sail a hove too headed the S.E. At 11 saw a ship off the lee about a mile off hove too headed to the North. Ends hard gales with a shower of rain. Lat. 31.20 S. Long by Ac 162.40 East

Saturday August 20th

First part hard gales with rain. At 4 p.m. the fore top mast stay sail gave away and went to pieces. Bent a new one and set it, from fore to eight. The wind blew very hard, after that it moderated. Latter part quite fair weather made sail and steered to the North, wind E.S.E. Latitude by Obs 30.51 North Long by Ac 162.10

Sunday August 21st

First on this 24 hours fair weather. At 12 p.m. steered West. Middle part fresh breezes from South with rain. Latter part At 8 p.m. it cleared off, very pleasant, set all sail and steered by the wind to the S.E. wind S.W.

Latitude by Obs 31.11 Long by Ac 162.30 East