

Coast of Japan

Remarks on board Monday August 22<sup>d</sup> 1831

First part light breeze from S.W. with cloudy  
Middle part wind easterly with rain  
Latter part light airs and calm with cloudy we-  
ather. saw several shoals of blackfish, lowered a  
boat three times to take one, but did not suc-  
ceed. they were slow, but very shy.

Latitude by Obs 31.11 Longitude by Obs 163.50 East

Tuesday August 23<sup>d</sup>

First part calm, with fair weather. Middle  
part the same. At 3 p.m. observed the Eclipse of  
the moon, but too cloudy to determine the  
Longitude. Latter part calm, by the latitude  
which was 31.30 found the ship had been 19  
miles to the West. Longitude by Obs 163.50 East

Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup>

First & middle part light breeze from the S.E.  
Latter part fine breeze from South and S.W.  
saw and killed several sharks, one of them had  
several pieces of blubber in his poke, saw a ship to  
the windward. Latitude 31.19 Longitude 164.00 East

Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup>

First part fine breeze from South steering by  
the wind to the Eastward Middle part equa-  
lly Latter part moderate wind S.E.

Latitude by Obs 31.02 Longitude by Obs 164.20 East

Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>

First part cloudy weather with light breeze from  
S.E. At 6 p.m. tacked ship to the South Middle  
& Latter part, light breeze with thick smoky we-  
ather. Latitude by Obs 30.33 Longitude by Obs 164.50 East

Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>

First & Middle part light breeze from S.E. Latter  
part calm. Latitude by Obs 30.09 Longitude by Obs 165.00 East

Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hours, calm, saw porpoises and frigate  
saw Latitude by Obs 29.59 Longitude by Lunar Obs  
& A.M. 165.19 East from Greenwich

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Remarks on board Monday August 29<sup>th</sup>

First part light breeze from S.W. steered S.W.  
Latter part at 6 A.M. saw a large whale to the  
S.W. three miles off going quick, the next rising  
she was 3 miles off, but the wind blowing on for-  
-ward, at 10 A.M. brought her off the weather  
beam 4 miles, as she went down, lowered the boat  
and the next rising made fast to, and got her

Latitude by Obs 29.30 Longitude by Obs 165.20 East

Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with fine breeze from West. At 2 p.m.  
took the whale along side. At 8 in the evening  
finished cutting the body, foaming till 2 A.M. and  
much rain with fresh breezes. At 2 the wind ve-  
-ered to the North, and cleared off, began to fair  
Latter part fresh gales with fair weather, finis-  
-hed cutting, Lat 29.13 Longitude by Obs 165.58 East

Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup>

First part fresh breeze North steering on the  
western tack. At 4 p.m. passed a ship a sailing  
Middle part equally. Latter part moderate  
steered to the Eastward, same ship in sight  
Latitude by Obs 29.11 Longitude by Obs 165.50 East

Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>

First part light breeze with a high swell  
At 3 p.m. spoke ship George Champlin, 12  
months out 450 bbls. I went on board and paid  
the evening. At 5 p.m. finished boiling  
Middle & Latter part calm with a high swell  
weather fair. Latitude 29.13 Longitude 166.00 East

Friday September 2<sup>d</sup>

Commenced with fair weather, light breeze from  
the Eastward, employed in getting the pipe up  
from the ground tier, in the fore hold which  
had leaked out. At 4 p.m. took a fresh squall from  
S.E. with thunder & lightning. Latter part fair weather  
employed staving down air. Lat 29.48 Longitude 166.10 East

Saturday September 3<sup>d</sup>

All these 24 hours fair weather, on the first part fini-  
shed staving down. Latter part steering to the West  
saw finbacks porpoises & frigate saw Lat 30.11 Longitude 166.00

