

Bark Lark Dec. 1852

Dec 26th This day Maori the Islanders of Tahiti and Botabola bearing about S.E. lowered 2 Boats could not obtain a landing on Tahiti came on board kept on for Botabola @ 5 p.m. the Capt went on shore put up for the night the Ship laying off and on the harbor. The officers on shore told him he could not obtain a Chro. at Otakuta @ 6 p.m. the boat returned and kept off for the Island of Manua this day found the Chro. ^{Manua} to the East of the Island of Botabola

26th Laying off and on the Island of Manua till the 30th got a few fowls eggs and some fruit traces, bread, sails and cloth. found one of the Pacific Boats and 2 men that deserted from the Ship at Otakuta they said the Capt. and officers were drunk the whole time and fighting the Boat had all the Capt. in her Cummings one of the men gave me the Lances for a few heads of tobacco he sold the Boat oars and sail. give the cords to the King of the Island. They got a passage with us in the Lark to the Island of Whytootake, 31st Maori Lord Howes Island the Boat went to the shore could not obtain a landing came on board kept off for Whytootake since this of sayings and doings, some on the 18th and other times

Dec 30 Saw 2 Sperm Whales
Lat 16.50 N Long 153.38 W

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Saturday Commenced the troubles and trials of another New Year. It finds us on board the Bark all well with pleasant weather and moderate trades starting for the Island of Whytootake. Laid this day 18.33 N Long 156.56 W.

On the 3rd saw the Island bearing W. by N. with fine weather @ 3 p.m. the Boat left the Ship for shore. The Ship Corinthian of Bedford lay off and on getting wood and water @ 7 p.m. the Boat returned. The Ship Corinthian Cap. Stearns left. The Bark Lark laying off and on obtaining water. Wood and recruits give the men liberty on shore discharged John Sumner, one of the Boatsterns, he having the Venereal also the 2 men went on shore on the 7th left the Island for Cape Horn. Nothing of any note occurred except working on the rigging mending sails bending and unbending. with a succession of S.E. winds. on the 30th the Capt. and Cooper had a fight. Jan 24th Laid 40. S. Long 168. W. The Wind hauled to the N.E. which had favoured us the rest of this month with fair wind so that the Bark could leave her course a little ship and leaky one

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At the Island of Whytootake found the Chro. correct

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