

Ship Petrel Sailing Letter Northern Ocean
Lat 22 50 Long 66 52 Sunday 9th April 1854

9th Strong gales at 8 P.M. all under way sail
fitting bank gear &c. Middle part fine, latter
do Monday 10th Lat 23 17 Long 170 09

10th Strong trades con W. all top sail set, spoke
the 1st Loper, Middle part fine, latter do painting
Boats Ashore &c. Lat 23 34

Tuesday 11th Long 172 38
11th Fine wind E con W all sail set painting
Boats regardless &c. Middle part fine latter
do Wednesday 12th Lat 24 02 Long 174 29

12th Fine wind E con W all sail set, Capt
Whip pay came on board. Middle part fine
latter do Thursday 13th Lat 23 56 Long 175 50

13th Fine wind E con W by S all sail set, Middle part
fine latter do fitting here Boat

Friday 14th Lat 23 46 Long 178 19
14th Fine wind E con W all sail set 3 sails in situ
Middle part fairing & squally, found the ship
overboard Saturday 15th 16th by day

Lat 24 31 Long 179 08 East
15th 16th Fine wind S E con W by S all sail set
Middle part fine had a confused dream saw my
girl & latter part fine sail insight East

Sunday 16th Lat 24 40 Long 176 40
17th 16th Fine wind E con W by S all sail set, fitting
Ship &c. Sick nervous, none sick, Lane sick
I do wish most fervently to get with my wife
& family again, the dear sweet girl, Middle part
fine latter do Lat 25 00

Monday 17th Long 178 40
18th 17th Fine wind E con W by S at 4 P.M. all sail set
Sweet sweet one dear charming girl, Middle
part fine latter do Lat 26 14

Tuesday 18th Long 171 06 East
19th 18th Fine wind E S E con W by S all sail set
setting up pipe, shooks, Middle part fine latter do
fitting ship &c. Lat 27 23 Long 170 00

1854 Ship Petrel Sailing towards the pole
Wednesday 19th April

20th 19th Fine, light air from the S E, con W by S
fitting gear & setting up shooks
Middle part fine latter do wind S, setting up
shooks Lat 28 12

Thursday 20th Long 168 58
21st 20th Fine light air from the S con W by S all
sail set, setting up shooks, stowing of the
hold &c. Sick disagreeable night &c.
Middle part fairing & squally, latter part
quite pleasant wind S E, & E

Friday 21st
22nd 21st Fair wind S E, E S E con W by S
all sail set setting up shooks, Middle part
Wroth, latter do foggy at intervals, setting up shooks

Saturday 22nd Lat 30 00 Long 165 00
23rd 22nd Most wind S W con W by S all sail set
gaining slowly to the S, I realised almost to death
I never felt time so tedious, & so it will be until
I return to my wife & family, dear, unwell
Middle part squally, hauled fly jil & fore by sail
latter part fair fair

Sunday 23rd
24th 23rd Most wind S W heading W S W foggy & raining
at 5 cleared of wind W S W heading to the N. all
sail set, Middle part most latter do all sail set
a heavy swell from the W S W, light air from the east

Monday 24th Lat 32 20 Long 165 22
25th 24th Most light air from the S heading to the West
a long heavy swell from the S W, thoughts thoughts
of home continually, Charles W. Ducker 6 years old
to day poor fellow if he has got to go as long as
his father has been, & suffer as much I shall pity
him, Middle part same at 3 wind S & S W
strong gales foggy & raining latter part the same
double reefed top sails fair & fog