

1837, Ship Petrel God help
Saturday 14th Dec 1837

14th Fine wind 16 W con E 16 E all sail
set, at sunset took in sail bore aback
at light made sail at 8 ten grasspusses
at 11 kept of S E, S S E

Lat 31 45

Sunday 15th Long 177 15, 176 50

15th Fine wind W Steering S E at 4 S at
6 San sperm whales, Lonsdale Galleys
A large shoal of large Whales, lying aback at
8 got on board, at 1 more to the W wind S
strong gales, at 7 more to the E double
deeps to

Lat. 32 07

Monday 16th Long 178, 44

16th Fine strong gales at S heading E S E
double deep, at 4 more ship to the
W, Mugga, Middle post more smart
at daylight kept of W at 7 saw a Whale
sun was supposed to be something more saying on
short tacks, supposed it a large sperm
whales

Lat 32 04

Tuesday 17th Long 177 20

17th Strong gales at S E lying under double
deeped top sails, at 2 hauled fore & main
top sails, blowing strong heading to the S E
at 4 more to the S at 11 to the S E at 3
passed a ship heading to the S more do
at 7 kept of S set double deeped top
sails

Lat 31 40

Wednesday 18th Long 176 42

18th Strong gales at S E con W double deeps
at dusk took in sail supposed to be too the S
at daylight kept off 16 W, all sail set
fine & pleasant doing nothing but
eat & sleep & sleep

Lat 31 21

Long 175 30

Ship Petrel to Mr G Tucker Ho
Thursday 19th Feb 1837

19th Fine wind W S W heading to the S W
at dusk more to the S W made post
fine wind W, latter do wind S W
good breeze took in 19 sails &c
Lat 31 42

Friday 20th Sails

20th Breeze wind S W heading to the S W
at 2 double deeped fore & main
sails, Middle post strong wind S W heading
W S W at light made sail, hauled, set
gallant most & lashed up cross trees

Lat. 31 37

Saturday 21st Long 174 25

21st Fine light airs from the S W heading to the
W & fitted cross trees, & sent aloft yards
to make all sail more to the S W
Middle post fine heading & latter do

Lat. 32 30

Sunday 22nd Long 174 24

22nd Fine light winds from the S W heading to the
S E all sail set, fitting ship to at 4, more
to the W, lashed up spars &c, Middle post
calm, latter do light airs from the S E

Lat. 32 31

Monday 23rd Long 174 00

23rd Fine wind, light airs from S E con W all
sail set, con 16 W by 75 top sails latter post strong
gales con 16 W all sail, set up main stay
saw 2 ships, cutting, lashed cutting panels

Tuesday 24th Lat. 31 20

24th Strong gales from the S E. Sun off spoke the E
C London of Eastness, stood to the 16
spoke Bostk Windsor at 4 apt Bailey come on
board, Middle post most took in sail &c
at daylight made sail kept of S S W, S W
saw nothing

Lat. 31 43, Long 171 54