

Abstract of a Whaling Voyage in

Saturday, Feb. 25th

Moderate winds from N.N.W. ship on different tacks. Latter part wind, W.N.W. ship steering S. at 1. p.m. sighted Banks Peninsula, bearing W. by S. at dusk shortened sail at 8. p.m. wind came in S.S.E. and blew with great violence for a few hours, then died out, ship on different tacks &c. &c.

At Noon, Lat. 45.45. S.
at 2. p.m. Long. 173.34

Sunday Feb. 26th

Light winds from S.S.E. and S. ship heading to the Westward. at dusk wore ship land bearing W. to N.W. dis. 15 m. So ends

Lat. 43.57. S.
Long 173.12. E.

Monday Feb. 27th

Light winds and calms at 8. a.m. boarded a small schooner from Dunedin bound to Littleton N.Z. at 12. m. Light winds from the S.S.E. made Akaroa Head. at 5. p.m. pass the head, came to anchor at 9. p.m. of the Gorge in 6. fath water. at 5. p.m. boarded by Capt. Groves, Collector, & Customs &c. &c.

Ship Robert Edwards of N.B. 1844

Tuesday Feb. 28th

Light winds from N. at 7. a.m. took the anchor up and clewed the ship in to the harbour, and went on shore myself, with Cap. Groves, &c. &c.

Wednesday Mar. 1st

Deserted, Martin, Commis. B. John Boyle, it is thought they have gone to the gold mines on the west coast, as there is a great rush for there at present. Had offered £. 10.00. reward for their apprehension, got no intelligence of our Deserters up to Mar. 14. when I left.

Mar. 14th Tuesday

At 1. a.m. took the anchor with a light Breeze from S. and an. ebb. tide. at 12. came to anchor just inside the head, calm and head tide. at 1. p.m. got a light baffling wind. took the anchor again at 2. p.m. saw a large Barque with steampropeller, with smoke stacks abaft the main mast, steaming moderately, past the head, to the N.E. had the appearance of the Shannon, as represented at 8. p.m. passed the head with a fresh N. wind steering S.S.E. intent the collector