

1155 Sunday February 10th 1856
The day has passed with us as usual on the Sabbath which is not our profitable. I have the day in reading Youngs "Right Thoughts" a work of praise my dear and have passed the time rather pleasantly but the want of proper society and the religious privileges of home are still lacking to perfect my happiness. We are one Sabbath nearer home and that is encouraging. Our Capt. ordered the butter and sugar removed from the second table. This we can bear very well. Shall be where we can provide for ourselves; then what we hope good?

1156 Monday February 11th
The wind has headed ahead and we are beating to the N. W. There is no prospect of taking oil here and I do not think we shall stay long. I think we could do better at home.

1157 Tuesday February 12th
The watch making a new job sent a three cornered lower studding sail. A vessel 113 gals of Rum for the job and back about 60 more so we shall wait till we get in. It has 65 ft. mast. Weather pleasant and wind light from the S. W. Lat yesterday 46. 4. S. Long 172. 23 E.

1158 Wednesday February 13th
Wind about N. and fine weather. Saw the land (New Zealand) at noon. At night the land about 40 miles distant and abreast of Pigeon Bay. I spied the gards at sunset and kept her 4. 8. W. Saw a few finbacks.

1159 Thursday February 14th
The weather continues fine. Steering S. S. W. & S. W. along shore. Land from 10 to 20 miles distant. The 3rd was abreast of Cape Saunders but there is nothing in sight but finbacks porpoises and a plenty of birds. The sailors making a "Crochick" sail.

1160 Friday February 15th
Early calm and foggy we have had no one to the mast head today. Bent the spinnaker in the place of the main. Finished the "Crochick" sail and set it. Now doing something towards getting up a topmast. It is supposed we shall go in as close as the wind favors. We have got a halibut enough for this time.

Saw a few finbacks once or twice

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Off New Zealand

1162 Saturday February 16th 1856
I think we are bound into port. Steering N. E. by N. Saw a ship before breakfast steering the same way and at 10. 00 we squared the yards and followed her to the great satisfaction of all. About the 11. 00 got a hunt sent, bent a new one in its place and bent the old one forward.

1163 Sunday February 17th
Another pleasant Sabbath has passed unprofitably. Work has been laid aside, and that is the only difference we make between the Sabbath and other days with the exception of more light talk and some reading. I am glad that we have one or two Sabbaths to spend in this unprofitable way.

1164 Monday February 18th
Lying to under double reefed top sails with a head wind. Saw a schooner sharing similar sport. Lat 46. 4. S. Long 172. 57 E.

1165 Tuesday February 19th
Two tiger whales have been seen and chased two hours!! Lowered gun steam before breakfast but could not get nearer than a half ships length. A few of the crew were sorry but more were heard rejoicing that we were no longer detained as the wind was fair and our course is shortened. Half 6. Sailors fitting a new foresail by cutting 20 in. from the head it being so much too long to suit the Capt. peculiar case. Log 100 the times.

1166 Wednesday February 20th
Last evening the Capt. treated us with preserved peaches, some of his dear Eliza prepared for him. It was as good as when first put up. I made a keg to put 60 home in for the Capt. to take home for his own use. They are too good to eat here. Turned a few stiletos for Capt. H. something I did not expect to do 3 days ago. The land in sight and wind light.

1167 Thursday February 21th
Lying to again in a gale under double reefed top sails and a head wind with a troublesome sea. The land in sight and we are waiting for a fair wind to get her particular part of it.