

Bark Sea Breeze bound from Honolulu

December 1870

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fair weather and light wind from S.E. East. The east part the wind has hauled to some here ship at eleven A.M. and then to the eastward making about 10 knots per hour. Crew are employed to day making Spungorn & getting ready to work with the last part the wind has died away to nearly calm.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Lat 2.20 S

Long 163.44 W

Came in with fair weather and light wind from South East. Ship heading S. by E. Sent down the mizzen top Mast. Ship's Sail for repairs found it rather shaky & will take some time as well as canvas to fix it and overhauled the Sail room to find the new fore Royal but could not find any so I made up my mind to make one. So I called one of the men to help me and took some Spungorn & made it. It got my cloth ready and at ten A.M. commenced to cut. See how long I will be making of it.

Lat 3.01 S

Long 163.44

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

Commences with calm at ten am. took a light Gale from N.W. & continued so throughout the day. I have been working on the Royal to day and at 3 P.M. sent the board aloft & four beat the sail all done & finished in good shape & set's like a duck now this is what I call quick work considering that the thermometer has stood at 98 nearly all day.

Lat 3.06

Long 163.25

to New Bedford R.D. Wicks Master

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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from NW & fine weather. Steering S. by East. The middle and last part the wind hauled to N.East with light squalls of rain. Ship making about five knots throughout the day. I have been up all day looking for whales but could not see any. Oh dear me if we could only see some whales here it would be nice it is so lonely here not so much as a Finback to be seen.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Came in with light wind from N.East and fine clear weather. The middle part the wind freshens ship making about 9 knots. Steering S. by East at 4 P.M. kept off steering S.East. Last part the wind has died away. Ship making 3 knots per hour. I have not done much to day myself but fix the old stay sail & make a bag to stow water with. Crew have been employed at odd jobs about the rigging to night there are some signs of rain just we will have some soon.

Lat 06.42 S

Long 157.12 West

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light steady winds from East. Ship making about 7 knots per hour. Middle and last part continues about the same. I have had all the old muskets cleaned up to day & all the bread broke out & cooped found moist. All the bread in very salt. Stabs quite hoarse and musty. Took some Rum and put in the Cask's & guess that will help it some.

Lat 07.44 North

Long 153.44 West