

Towards New Zealand 1861

Thursday Feb 28th

Commences with a fresh breeze from the S. & S.W. & smoky weather at 4 P.M. got underway once with the three masted schooner & the schooner. Middle part fresh breeze and smoky. Latter part light winds & pleasant.

Friday 29th March 1st

Begins with Light winds & cloudy sky. Hear the S. & S.W. Cape Peter with bearing S.E. 20 miles. Lat 33.28 N, feeling onions to pickle &c. Middle & L part light and variable winds and raining.

Saturday March 2nd

Begins with light winds and evening falling in. Back for the coast. Lat 34.05. M & L part strong breeze and equally clear. S & E see a English ship steering to the N.W. & N.

Sunday 3rd

Strong breeze and gradually finer and in the afternoon warmer with the North-east wind. A small sperm whale line coming with middle part fresh gales from the S. & S.W. latter part the same.

Monday 4th

Begins with strong breeze and passing clouds. Reading S.E. Lat 35.38 Long 114.39. M & L part the same. See a Surpateatom course S.E.

Tuesday 5th

Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.W. and cloudy course S.E. Lat 36.23. Middle & L part the same course S.E.

Wednesday 6th

Begins with moderate breeze & variable heading S.E. Latter part light. Lat 38.12 Long 118.43. M & L part light & variable winds.

Thursday 7th

Begins with a fresh breeze from the West & N.W. ship steering S.E. set up the fore & gallant rigging. Lat 38.17. M & L part the same as in back.

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Friday March 8th

Begins with fresh breeze from S & S.W. and cloudy weather steering S.E. by E. Lat 40.12 Long 122.09. M & L part fresh gales from S & S.W. and thick weather.

Saturday 9th

Begins with fresh breeze and cloudy course S.E. by E. No observations. Middle & L part the same.

Sunday 10th

Begins with a strong breeze from the S.W. course S.E. by E. Breeze out. Lat 42.40 Long 128.06. M & L part fresh gales from S.W. & cloudy.

Monday 11th

Commences with moderate breeze from the Westward & cloudy course E by S. Lat 43.54. Long 133.00. M & L part the same.

Tuesday 12th

These 24 hours commences with light winds & cloudy winds from the Northward course E by S. Breeze out. Lat 44.18 Long 137.00. M & L part the same.

Wednesday 13th

Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.W. and pleasant weather course E by S. 1/2 point E. Little variation. Middle part rainy. Latter part thick weather & a light wind from S.E. put out a new Bact. with new cranes & took in the old one with beating S.W. to N.W. & S.E.

Thursday 14th

Begins with a strong breeze from S & S.W. & thick weather at 4 P.M. lowered the main sail & the second the other jib & fore topsail. Lat 44.54. M & L part fresh gales from S.E. with thunder & lightning beneath the main topsail & c. at day light set double reef on topsails & fore sail. Wind light and variable with rain. Ends the day by sea account.