

## On the Mid Ground

Thu Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant weather. Wind and Lat part the same  
Repairing the Fore sail.

Fri Feb 21<sup>st</sup>

Very pleasant weather light breeze from the Eastward  
Repairing the Fore top-sail. Saw Grampus.  
Wind part calm. Sat. Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 A.M. saw  
ship boiling as usual with light breeze from  
S.E. by E. steering S.W. by E.

Sat Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

Corn with light breeze from S.E. by E. commencing  
Emma C. Jones. Wind part lying with wind  
yard aback. Lat part at 5.30 P.M. saw  
a lone sperm whale bowman and at  
8 A.M. struck W. Boat a fighting whale  
Lat up the Wain - and Boats Boats so  
They were not worth picking up excepting  
part of the Bow Boat for fire wood  
Took whale along side about 12.30 P.M.



Sund Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

Good breeze from S.E. at 1.30 corn cutting  
at 7 P.M. stoppage cutting and lashing  
up for the night. Whales heard partly off  
set by watches. Wind part employed  
cutting up fore clearing away gear clearing out  
blubber room &c. Sat. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 A.M. commenced  
cutting. Body all in at 12 M. saw a merchant ship  
going Eastward. Wind W.S.W. strong breeze and squalls  
of rain occasionally so cold this day. Carpenter & one  
Boatswain and one Boatswain off duty having got  
sunt by the whale when part to him as usual.

Mon. Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

Corn with strong breeze and occasional rain squalls  
from W.S.W. picked on and corn heaving in the  
head at 7 P.M. case partly bailed. Wind part employed  
bailing case clearing up decks and so forth. Lat part  
employed cutting junk and boiling.

Tues. Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

Good weather and strong breeze from Eastward  
Cutting junk clearing up decks and boiling.  
Wind part Boiling. Carpenter relieved to duty  
Lat part Boiling. so ends this day

## Arrived at Hobart Town

1873.

Wed. Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

Corn with strong breeze from E. ship under close  
repsa top-sails. Boiling. One sail in sight. Wind  
part. Boiling. Lat part do. Three sails in sight all  
"Whales" & ends.

Thu Feb 27<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with strong breeze from E. ship under  
close repsa top-sails. and fore-stay-sail. Boiling. Three  
sails in sight. Wind part Boiling. Lat part finished  
boiling. Five sails in sight.

Friday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze from Eastward. steering S.W. by S.  
One sail in sight. washed off decks. And got spare  
boat out for Mr. Cartwright. Wind part made all sail  
Lat part steering S.W. by S. One sail in sight.

Sat. March 1<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy weather and a fresh breeze from S.E. corn  
stowing down in after hold. Wind part fresh breeze  
with rain. Lat part some rain with a light breeze  
from S.W. & shifting to S.W. and S. saw a Bark.  
Began stowing of the hold again. Lat 39.31. lon 155.53

Sun. March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commenced in with a strong breeze from S.E. and  
ruggae. Stowed off after hold and stowed the  
balance of the oil in the blubber room. Wind  
part. strong breeze. Lat part. made sail steering S.W.  
and S.E. & ends.

Mon. March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Strong breeze from S.E. steering S.W. Wind part  
some Lat part some hauled to Eastward  
One brig in sight. cool and pleasant weather  
& ends.

Tues. March 4<sup>th</sup>

Corn fine weather and light breeze from S.E. &  
steering S.W. by W. One sail in sight. Wind part fine  
breeze. Lat part. some change to South.

Wed. March 5<sup>th</sup>

Corn with strong breeze from South ship heading  
W.S.W. Spars in sight. bailing. W. also one sail  
Wind part pleasant. Lat part off Cape Pillar. bound in  
to Hobart Town. One sail in sight.

Thu. March 6<sup>th</sup>

Bound across Storm Bay. at 7 P.M. took a pilot off the  
light. had a heavy squall from the S.W. at 10 P.M. came  
to anchor in 10 fathoms of water. Lat part fine