

allow any white men to live there. The 2d mate went ashore with a boat's crew and came back in about two hours highly pleased with his visit. The captain bought 4 large turtles, for 4 heads of tobacco each. At 5 P.M. we braced forward the yards and left - steering S.

8th Fine weather. At 12 M. saw a school of black fish ahead - the only indication of sperm whales we have seen on the group.

10th Lat. 1 S. long. 171 E. A dead calm, with the weather very hot. At 3 P.M. saw a sail on our weather bow, and at sunset we were alongside. It was the barque "Woodlark" of Sydney, 7 weeks out, with 20 bls. Our captain went aboard and returned with some Sydney papers, terming, with accounts from the gold mines, and the birth of a prince of the royal blood, but not a line of news from the United States.

11th Calm weather. At sunrise the ocean was as smooth as a mirror, with

not a breath of wind to ruffle its polished surface. The Englishman lies astern about 12 miles. About 8 o'clock a light breeze sprang up from the East.

The mate rigged in the jib boom in order to cover it with copper where it chafed in the cap.

12th Fine weather with a good wind. At work on the rigging. The English barque passed about 5 miles to leeward of us, on the opposite tack, about 12 M.

13th Fine weather. At noon the Englishman was 12 miles off our lee beam. About 1 o'clock the 2d mate saw a large black skin about one mile off our weather bow, but it disappeared before he could make it out. At 4 P.M. saw Ocean Island two points off our lee bow. Tacked ship at sunset.

14th At sunrise Ocean island lay 4 points on our lee bow, and the Englishman nearly out of sight on our lee beam. At 7 A.M. saw a large water spout off our lee quarter.