

Saty 16th 31. About 9th A.M. we hove to off
 Ocean Island. Several canoes came
 off with squashes, fowl, &c, which the
 captain bought for tobacco. There
 are three white men living on
 this island, leading the same
 wretched life as the natives. They
 came on board to beg a little tobacco.
 One of them wanted to get some
 medicine from the captain, he
 being afflicted with a loathsome
 disease. At 3rd P.M. we braced fore-
 ward and stood to the north-
 ward.

17th Fine weather. Mending the jib.

18th At 8th A.M. saw whales on our weather
 beam, about 4 miles off. We could get no
 nearer to them, and they finally went
 out of sight to windward. Unbent the
 spanker and repaired it.

19th A dead calm. Mending the main
 topsail. Saw black fish.

20th A dead calm. Sent up main topsail.

21st Light wind. Working on the rigging.

22^d Calm. Sent down the fore yard to tight-
 en the truss bands. Sent it up at noon.
 Saw black fish.

23^d Calm. Sunday.

24th Light wind. Lat. 2.06 S.

25th Light wind. Lat. 3.25 S, long. 169 E.

Working on the rigging.

26th Wind light with squalls. At day-break
 saw a large ship on our lee beam - pro-
 bably a merchantman. At 7th A.M.
 passed a merchant barque showing
 the Danish flag.

29th Stiff breeze; course E; lat. 4.44 S, long. 175.06 E.
 Bound for New Nantucket.

Nov. 1 Course N.E. Lat. 5.4 S, long. 177.58 E. W. 178.51 E.

3^d Steering E by N. Lat. 5.36 S, long. 177.57 W.

7th After laying in dead calms and
 baffling head winds for two
 weeks, and without any hopes
 of reaching Nantucket, the
 "old man" altered his course this
 morning to S.E., and bore away
 for the Navigator Islands. Lat.
 3.39 S. 178.21 W.