

Tacked - N. by E. Sail on the lee bow. Lat. 27.45 S, Long. 179.18 W.
Mar. 18th. - Strong breeze. Cloudy. Reefed topsails. Course N. E.
Close-hauled. Lat. 28.29 S. Set sea watches. Lat. 28.39 S, lon. 180.

Mar. 19th. - Very strong breeze. N. N. E. Raining. 7 A.M. furl
mainsail. Wore ship - S. E. by S. Furlled fore topsail.
Close-reefed main topsail. 10 A.M. unbent fore topsail and
sent up the one we lately mended. Set it single-reefed. 12 M. wore
ship - N. E. by N. Reef out of main topsail - set mainsail. 4 P.
M. not held. Lat. 27.43 S, Long. 177.52 W.

Mar. 20th. - Strong breeze, close-hauled - head N. by E. 1 A.M.
Mar. 21st. - Light breeze - close-hauled - head N. by E.
set jib & sprinker. 2 A.M. reef out of main topsail. Lat. 26.33
Long. 176. Sunrise set main topgallant sail, & mizzen
topmast staysail. 8 A.M. furlled main topgallant sail.
2 P.M. set flying jib. 3 P.M. raised sperm whales on the bow
going to windward. Lowered and chased them for two
hours but could not come up with them. Came aboard.
Saw them at sunset 2 miles off weather beam. Tacked -
heaving S. E. E. Furlled flying jib & mizzen topmast staysail,
and reefed fore topsail. 12 P.M. tacked - N. by E.

Mar. 21st. - Fine weather, fresh breeze. Close-hauled - N. by E.
Reef out of fore topsail. Set main ^{gallant} topsail. 2 P.M. set
gaff topsail & flying jib. Sunset, light breeze. Lat. 27.55 S, 177.55 W.

Mar. 22d. - Fresh breeze, close-hauled - N. by E. 8 A.M. furlled
flying jib & gaff topsail. Mending old boat. About 6 1/2 P.M.,
the island of Pitcairn bearing N. 1/2 E, about 100 miles, we expe-
rienced the shock of an earthquake, or a submarine
convulsion

of some kind that lasted about 15 seconds, which shook
the ship from stem to stern. The old man, who was below,
came rushing upon deck, bare-headed, and looked
over the side, thinking the ship had struck a sunken
reef or rock. The weather was thick, with heavy squalls during
the night. 11 P.M. furlled main topgallant sail. Lat. 24.48, 175.36 W.

Mar. 23d. - Cloudy, strong breeze. Close-hauled - N. by W.
We received a second shock at 15 minutes before 2 this morn-
ing, but not as violent as the first. Daybreak - set main-
topgallant sail & fly jib. Furlled the latter shortly after.
2 P.M. furlled main topgallant sail & sprinker, reefed topsails
and tacked ship - heaving E. by S. Pitcairn in sight
off weather beam, distant 30 miles. Heavy squalls.

Sunset furlled jib & mainsail. Squally & raining. 9 P.
M. set mainsail. Lat. 24.44 S, Long. 176.33 W.

Mar. 24th. - Fine weather, fresh breeze. Daybreak, reef out of top-
sails, set main topgallant sail, jib & sprinker. Tacked ship
heaving N. by W. Broke out bay & porch 1 A.M. set flying jib.
Parted fly jib halyards & split the sail. Unbent the jib
& fly jib. Bent new jib. Noon, Pitcairn here in sight a
point on the lee bow. Broke out fore hold for new fly jib.

Bent new fly jib, rose new halyards, & new fore & main
topsail braces. Not held. Sunset, wind N. E., course N. by W.
Light breeze, made all sail. Lat. 22.41 S, lon. 175.52 W.

Mar. 25th. - Fine clear weather. Course N. by W. All sail out