

and the old man swore they were nothing but porpoises & jumpers. 11 A.M. kept off on our course, W. S.W. soon, course W. Lat. 2.42 S. long. 178.39 E.

April 17th. - Fine weather, light breeze. Course W. 7 A.M. raised Hope island off the lee bow. Kept off. 9 A.M. the natives came off to trade. 11 A.M. hove to off the lee end of the island. 12 M. braced forward steering N.W. by E. Passed to leeward of Rocks island about midnight. Lat. 2.36 S. long. 176.38 E.

April 18th. - Fine weather, light breeze. Set up starboard side of fore rigging. Took three casks of water from between decks. 5 P.M. raised Drummond's island from the mast-head. Lat. 2.06 S. long. 175.59 E.

April 19th. - Calm & light air. Drummond's island bearing N.E. about 12 miles. The natives came off in great numbers. Three white men who are living on the island also came off. About 2 1/2 P.M. the main yard was braced forward, and the ship kept off N.W. About 20 minutes after the lookout at the fore topgallant mast-head espied a kanaka snugly stowed away over the ship's bow. The land was full 12 miles off, and the boat containing two white men with a crew of kanakas were about two miles off pulling in to the land. We lowered a boat and put the kanaka into it. A boat's crew jumped in and shoved off, and with a strong pull gave way to overhaul them. In 3/4ths of an hour we came up with them; but they refused to take him aboard; and

after a few minutes parley the 3d mate pitched him overboard and we up with our sail and stood back to the ship. We saw the kanaka get into the other boat shortly after. No obs.

April 20th. - Light breeze, fine weather. Cooper at work setting up new casks. Course S.W. 11 A.M. raised Simpson's island off weather beam. 12 M. raised Woodlark island three pts off weather bow. Painted the larboard boat. Lat. 4 m. S. long. 173.38 E.

April 21st. - Very light air. Fine weather. Course N.W. Working in the rigging & setting up casks. Wet hdd. Broke out beef & pork. Sunset, course W. S.W. Lat. 39 m. S. long. 172.34 E.

April 22d. - Sunday. Light breeze; fine weather. Course W. S.W. Sunset, course W. by S. Lat. 1.18 S. long. 171.45 E.

April 23d. - Fine weather, light breeze. Course W. by N. Took the waist boat on deck to repair. Set up fore topmast rigging & main topmast backstays (starboard). Lat. 2.05 S. long. 170.08 E.

April 24th. - Fine weather, light breeze. Work on rigging. Set up starboard fore topgallant shrouds. Rattled down starboard fore topmast rigging. Sunset, course W. S.W. Lat. 2.30 S. long. 168.31 E.

April 25th. - Fine weather, light breeze. Course W. S.W. Set up larboard main topgallant & topmast backstays. Sunset - squally & baffling winds. Set sea watches. Lat. 3.03 S. long. 167.32 E.

April 26th. - Fine weather, light breeze. Setting up starboard main rigging. Set up larboard fore topmast backstays. Sunset - light breeze from S. heading W. by S. close hauled. Lat. 3.32 S. long. 166.57 E.