

April 27th. - Sunrise, calm. Letting up starb. main rigging & fore topmast backstays. Lat. 3.51 N, Long. 166.35 E.

April 28th. - Fine weather, light breeze from N.E. Course W. by N. Letting up starb. main rigging. Varnish quarter deck stanchions, & jib boom. Wat hold. Lat. 4.27 N Long. 168.31 E.

April 29th. - Calm. Sunday. Course W. N. W. Squally towards night. 7 P.M. struck the N.E. trades. 5.20 N, 163.36 E.

April 30th. - Fine weather, fresh breeze. Course W. N. W. 7 A.M. course W. by N. Sunset raised Strong's island three points off larboard bow.

May 1st. - Fine weather, fresh breeze. Course W. by N. Strong's island in sight off larboard bow. Very light breeze during the night. Lat. 6.04 N, Long. 162.17 E.

May 2d. - Very light breeze. Fine weather. Course W. by N. Coal tared iron work, &c. 1 P.M. course W. Lat. 6.31 N, Long. 161.30 E.

May 3d. - Fresh breeze, fine weather. Course W. Squally.

Passed Weldon's island at noon. Lat. 7.03 N, Long. 159.27 E.

May 4th. - 1 A.M. hauled back the main yard. Daylight, raised the island of Ascension one ft off the starboard bow. Braced full, made sail & ran for it. At noon a boat containing a white pilot & Kanaka crew boarded us. We learned that 52 ships had visited the island during the past season, and that the Minutoman had gone ashore and was a total loss. A sad fatality has attended this ship wherever she has been. One of her boats was captured in the early part of the voy-

age and three men lost. She has, in different gales, lost eight boats off the exams; and in two years had taken only 300 lbs of oil. And finally, while returning to port, after having lost 7 of her crew by small pox, went to pieces in sight of her destined haven. We braced full after receiving this piece of information and kept on to the le end of the island, to a harbor that had been visited by our captain before. About two o'clock a pilot took us into a harbor almost entirely surrounded by reefs, where the anchor was let go about half a mile from the shore, in 15 fathoms of water; after a cruise of six months and one day, during which time we saw whales ten times, and took 54 whales, which made us about 200 barrels of oil. - After the sails were furled and the yards squared the starboard watch went on liberty till morning, &c. &c.

May 5th. - Fine weather. Larboard watch on liberty. This day is Sunday with the missionaries on the island, and it was observed as such by us. There are two missionaries on the island, one of whom has been here over two years, but they have as yet done nothing with the natives. The small pox made terrible ravages here a few months since, sweeping off about 3000 natives, about one-third of the population. Almost every native I saw was more or less marked with that fatal disease. It was brought here in a ship from Oahu.