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lee, standing towards Sunday island. Broke out reef. Rove new fore braces. Rigging topmast studding sail gear.

Feb. 14th. - Fine. Fresh breeze, E. S. E. Heading N. E. Sunrise, - Sunday island three pts. off the weather bow. Saw the J. S. Butler three pts. off the lee bow 5 1/2 A. M. tacked heading S. by W. 8 A. M. saw a ship to windward manœuvring. Tacked. 10 1/2 tacked.

Noon - ship Gay Head and a stranger to windward. Sunday island off weather quarter, Goat island a point off the lee bow. 4 P. M. gammed with the Gay Head & barque Andrews. The Gay Head had taken a 15 lb. whale since leaving port. Two deserters from the English garrison at the Bay of Islands came out in her. The barque Andrews is 3 mis. from home with 650 sperm. They reported the ship Polar Star to windward with a large sperm whale alongside.

Feb. 15th. - Light breeze, E. Heading N. E. by E. Goat island off weather beam. Barque Andrews off weather quarter. Sail off lee bow. Noon, Sunday island ahead. Tacked, heading S. E. E.

Feb. 16th. - Cloudy & rainy. Wind light, E. S. E. Steering S. 2 P. M. raised sperm whales a point off the lee bow, two miles off, going to windward. Luffed to the wind and lowered away the boats. We were down about two hours, and

seeing nothing came aboard. Shortened sail. Weather thick and rainy. Wind N. E.

Feb. 17th. - Sunday. Calm. Wet hold. 11 A. M. light breeze, W. S. W. heading N. W. by N. Curtis's rocks a point off the lee bow.

Feb. 18th. - Strong breeze, S. S. E. Goat island & Curtis's rocks in sight. Rugged. 5 P. M. spoke the barque Archambault of Tralmouth, 500 whale.

Feb. 19th. - Fine. Strong breeze, S. S. E. heading E. Goat island in sight. Saw 11 ships. 2 P. M. spoke the barque Martha. They had taken 200 lbs. since leaving Strong's island. Took her letters for home. Feb. 20th. - Fine. Light breeze, E. S. E. Off Goat island. Four sails in sight. Noon, Sunday island two pts. off lee bow. Set up main topgallant shroud. 4 P. M. gammed with the Martha.

Feb. 21st. - Fine. Light breeze. Off Sunday island. 4 P. M. gammed with the barque J. S. Butler and ship Hope. The Butler had taken two whales since leaving port. The Hope has 2100 barrels sperm; taking 900 lbs. while we have been taking 400. They are 52 mis. out, and bound home. We let them have a cask of bread.

Feb. 22d. - Cloudy. Light breeze, E. S. E. 8 A. M. Sunday island bearing E. about 20 miles. Sunset - saw the Hope