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Jan 24 these 24 hours commenced with a fresh breeze, under double reefed topsail. at 1 PM. made sail. wind more moderate but very squally through the remainder of day. middle and latter part much the same.

Mon 25th these 24 hours commenced with a moderate breeze. all sail set and very squally through the day. employed fore part of the day in brailing out water. and stowing down the sperm oil. between 10 AM. middle and latter part much like the fore. Lat 13.54 S Long 150.08 W

Tues 26th these 24 hours commenced with a moderate breeze. at 5 AM. squally. close down the topsails twice between 5 and 8 AM. employed in the rigging. the day also work in the rigging. such as fitting the main topsail braces and back. blocks, middle and latter part much the same. steering on the wind heading to the north and eastward. Lat 12.42 S Long 150.21 W

Wed 27th these 24 hours commenced with a moderate breeze. all sail set. frequent squalls. employed the fore part of the day in scoping in the fore part of the foresail. at 1 PM. bent the foresail at 1 PM. sent down the mainsail. and cut off the head of it in order to shorten the sea leeches. middle and latter part much the same. Lat 11.49 S Long 150.31 W

Th 28th these 24 hours commenced

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with a light breeze. employed through the day mending the mainsail. and cutting piece off the head in order to shorten the leeches. all hands on deck through the day. at 4 PM. bent it again. a steady breeze through the night. the foremast having the first watch on deck. right at 11 AM. broke out squalls.

Lat 10.49 S Long 150.19 W

29th these 24 hours commenced with a light breeze. at 6 AM. sent down the topsail, and sent in the flying jib and mended them. and at night bent them again. all hands on deck through the day. stood boats watches through the night. the latter part squally. Lat 10.45 S Long 150.44 W

Sat 30th these 24 hours commenced with a light breeze. all day light. made all sail. employed in the morning in brailing out water. and the remainder of the day in washing those that it so disposed to be very rainy through the day. Lat 9.31 S Long 150.31 W

Sun 31st these 24 hours commenced with a moderate breeze. standing whole watches through the last night. very squally through the day. with heavy showers of rain through the day. latter part very squally. close down the topsail and hauled up the mainsail. Lat 8.31 S Long 150.31 W