

144 *Bel m'works on board Ship Tharapt L.B. King Oct 13. 1850 North Pacific 145*

commenced to make sail at 10 AM. had mail. ship heeling heavy. and a high sea of S. sail. and J. jib. employed the fore part of the day in making out fresh water. at 1 PM. set a double fore topsail. at 2:30 PM. double reefed the topsail and took in the fore and the M. topsail. at 3 PM. set the M. S. G. sail. wind rather squally. thick cloudy weather. sea going down fast.

On the 14th these 24 hours commenced with a strong breeze. under double reefed topsails. at made sail. at 1 PM. set M. S. G. sail. a very heavy sea. steering to the eastward. wind for the southward and westward. Lat 47.55 N. Long 174.25 W.

On the 15th these 24 hours commenced with a moderate breeze. all sail set with a heavy sea on. steering about S.W. steering E by S. employed through the day in scraping down. at 4 PM. took in the studding sails. and riged in the fore and jib. (as I sometimes do ship heading about N.E. wind E.S.E. at 6 PM. ship heading about N.E. wind E.S.E. at 6:30 PM. sent the main royal yard. the Barchometer showing indication of a heavy fog close at hand. at 7 PM. took in the S. S. sails. at 8 PM. double reefed the fore and M. topsails. and single reefed the main topsail. at 11 PM. commenced to brace. steering about S.W. Lat 45.55 N. Long 174.25 W.

Lat 16th this day commenced with a strong gale. under double reefed fore and main. single reefed M. courses and jib. at midnight the gale struck us. commenced to take in sail. and then canted all hands. & clude up every sail. double reefed the M. S. sail. and parted all the sails. blowing very heavy. and then turned the boat up wind about N.W. ship heading about N.W. at 3 PM. kept her up before the wind. looking every thing up. the fore sail was a close reefed M. S. sail. Lat 16.25 N. Long 161.25 W.

On the 17th these 24 hours commenced with a strong breeze. steering E by S. wind S.W. under double reef fore and main. and single reefed M. courses and jib. at 10 AM. set M. S. G. sail. latter part moderate breeze. steering E by S. E. by E. the latter part of the day. Lat 16.25 N. Long 161.25 W.