

Journal of A Short Voyage To The Western Ocean

Remarks on board Friday June 15th

These 24 hours commenced with thick mists from the South & fair weather cleared for a while a number of times the first part mists & latter parts clearing to the N.E. spoke the ship Margaretscott. which gave us various tidings from our long left friends & homes, some of which probably are too true, &c. so ends Sat 12.30 N Long 139.10

Remarks on board Sunday June 17th 1849

Thick fog with small breezes from the E.N.E. these 24 hours. Oh what a pleasant day how deeply I feel the want of a retreat from this earthly — to pray for that faith that love that purifies the heart & becomes the feelings of nature, Oh when my long left & too dearly cherished friends with the precious appear when I shall unite in your long Sunday Eve 7 P.M.

Remarks on board Tuesday June 19th

Thick calm all which 24 hours chased a number of whales the first part but could not get near them. Took in sail at sunset, saw a Barques boat further but lost him again. Cleared at day break & struck a whale to the N.E. took him a long time at 11 past 6 A.M. finished cutting at noon. Being foggy yesterday forenoon I got on to a whale but did not get first started saw I was at his butt end; the first whale I have had nipped since this voyage.

At 12 P.M. 4000 Long 139.20

Journal of The Japan Sea Looking off the Coast of Japan

Remarks on board Wednesday June 20th 1849

Sight breeze from the South west & fair foggy weather. First part at daylight cleared for a while. Shot in thick fog. Began again at 7 AM struck a small whale & took it long time finished cutting at noon. saw the ship George of N.B. also a Barque in pursuit of whales. So ends this day.

Remarks on board Monday June 25th

Sight breeze & thick weather first part. Sailed for whales. Struck one to the S.E. & took him along side, after halting him up 30 fathoms finished cutting at 7 P.M. at 7 AM one of our whalers died a boy in statue but something over 20 yrs. I should judge having been sick of the scurvy for a month or more; employed in stowing down. Got the latter part. So ends this day.

Remarks on board Tuesday June 26th 49

Commenced with thick rainy weather & fresh winds from the Eastward finished stowing the boat at 11 P.M. spoke the ship Milner at 5 P.M. we consumed the remainder of the crew to the ship. Sailed for a while without success. Latter part commenced beating thick foggy weather.

This day I remember as being the 27th day of my life if living almost an old man.

Lat 42.55 N Long 139.40 East

Remarks Monday Oct 15th 49 Strong mists from the South faster middle parts. Latter part south west mists & a heavy sail, clearing to the S.E. sudden clouds veiled the sun &c. so ends. No obs.