

Saturday 25th Oct 1856
 Fine weather, 71 days out from NB
 tonight - Light winds the last two
 or three days - On Thursday the 23rd
 all hands on deck engaged in getting
 out a quantity of lumber from the
 hold. To do this it was necessary
 to hoist on deck ~~and~~ ^{again} a large quantity
 of our goods, many casks of bread
 and "Recruits" and other ~~heavy~~ heavy
 articles. Perhaps you will
 be as curious as I was to know
 what recruits these are which are so
 portable & as to stowed away in tight
 casks. Well reader they are not
 military or naval recruits in the
 common sense of the term but are
 pieces of cloth, calico & useful in
 trading with "Kanackers" or Kanakas,
 Feejee Islanders & other natives.

Sunday 26th Oct 1856
 Very rough sea. Running under
 double reefed topsails & foremast staytail.
 Steering.

For the last two days we have been
 exchanging visits or gamming as the phrase is
 with the officers & crew of the whaling
 bark Hecla which vessel we saw early
 on Monday morning and came close to in the

afternoon. This ship is 5 months out from
 NB - The Hecla and the Wave belong to the same
 owners.

The Hecla is about the same size as this
 craft but has two decks & carries more water and
 is calculated to carry about 200 barrels more
 oil.

Their luck has been pretty fair, 15 days out
 from NB they killed a sperm whale and
 at the present time have killed 8 whales
 which being small ones made but about
 150 bbls of oil. The crew are in high
 spirits with their luck & anticipate getting
 full in good time.

We gammed with them twice on
 Friday & Saturday ~~the 24th & 25th~~
 gamming is what we would
 be called on shore visiting - The same
 number of men which come on board
 one vessel to visit or gam are imme-
 diately returned by the same boat in
 order that in case of a gale separating
 the ships so neither shall be short of
 men. These gamms are occasions of
 great fun & frolic and shall be
 described more at large hereafter