

Ship William Hamilton in the Pacific, December 1898

Saturday, Dec. the 8th
Commences with fresh breezes from the N
heading S & S under double rigged top sails
Middle & later the same employed in stowing down
oil heading in for Little Island.

Lat. 44. 06 Long. 175. 21

Sunday, Dec. 9th
Commences with a light breeze from S & W
with a heavy swell from the North. Employed
in stowing down oil.

Monday, Dec. the 10th
Commences with light winds from the South
finished stowing down. Middle & later the same
land in sight.

Tuesday, Dec. the 11th
Commences with light breezes & calm Middle
the same latter part wind from the East
sailing West.

Lat. 45. 10. West

Wednesday, Dec. the 12th
Commences with light breezes from the East
heading to the North at 10. 30. spoke a french ship.
land in sight saw finbacks.

Lat. 44. 32. Long. 175. 12. W.

Thursday, Dec. the 13th
Commences with strong breezes from the N.
heading S & W. Middle & latter part foggy.

Friday, Dec. the 14th
Commences with light breezes from the S. with foggy
at 2. 30. spoke the George Townsend. with 400. lbs.
of oil in sight sailing latter part calm.

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Saturday, Dec. the 15th
Commences with a calm & foggy. Middle part
light breezes from the South. heading S & W
saw finbacks. Lat. 44. 44. Long. 173.

Sunday, Dec. the 16th
Commences with light winds from N & W. at 2
P.M. saw sperm whales lowered the boats
& obtained one to the larboard boat. Middle &
latter part hard gales from the N & W.

Lat. 44. 42. Long. 174. W.

Monday, Dec. the 17th
Commences with hard gales from the N & W.
at 2. 30. commenced cutting at 8. 30. finished
saw sperm whales at 10. 30. near night a
wedge did not lower the boats & sail in
sight. at 2. P.M. commenced boiling.

Tuesday, 18. + Wednesday, Dec. the 18th
Commences with hard gales from the N & W.
at 4. 30. P.M. boiled down the works took
in the fore sail. latter part commenced boiling.

Lat. 44. 57.

Wednesday, 19. + Thursday, Dec. the 19th
Commences with strong breezes from the
N & W heading N. at 1. 30. finished
boiling latter part light winds.

Lat. 43. 57. Long. 179. 20.

Thursday, 20. + Friday, Dec. the 20th
Commences with light winds from the N
heading to the N & W. latter part strong
breezes.

Lat. 44. 08 Long. 175. 06 W.