

Ship *William Hamilton* off the Chatham Islands January 1837

Monday, January 21st
Commenced with strong gales from the N. with fog & rain. Heeded to the S. at 10 A.M. under way. said at 12. were ship to the S. at 3 P.M. were ship to the N. at 7. saw a sail & black fish.
Lat. 44.37 Long. 172.50 W.

Tuesday, January the 22nd
Commenced with strong breezes from the S. & W. & also at double reefed top sails at 2 A.M. spoke the ship George Howard. 2 months out with 100 lbs. latter part strong gales. Lat. 44.25 Long. 173.00 W.

Wednesday, January the 23rd
Commenced with strong gales from the S. & W. heading to the N. the George Howard in company. at 7 A.M. were ship to the S. at 4 P.M. were ship to the S. Caught 1 black fish.

Thursday, January 24th
Commenced with moderate breezes from the S. & W. heading N. & W. under double reefed top sails with a main sail the G. H. in company. at Middle & latter part strong breezes. at 12. were ship to the S. & W.
Lat. 44.23 Long. 174.04.

Friday, January the 25th
Commenced with strong breezes from the S. & W. Middle & latter part more moderate the G. H. in company. fog & rain. To end.

Saturday, January 26th
Commenced with light winds from the S. & W. heading to S. under whole top sails Middle & latter the same with rain. Lat. 44.32 Long. 175.00

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Sunday, January the 27th
Commenced with hard squalls of wind & rain from the S. & W. heading N. & W. latter part wind S. & W. heading to the N. under double reefed top sails the George Howard in company. Lat. 44.43 Long. 175.31 W.

Monday, January the 28th
Commenced with light winds from the S. & W. heading to the N. under double reefed top sails. at 4 A.M. spoke the George Howard. Middle part light breeze latter part strong breezes from the S. & W. heading N. & W. at 6 A.M. saw the land.
Lat. 44.36 Long. 174.50

Tuesday, January the 29th
Commenced with strong breezes from the S. & W. steering N. by W. for better weather. forewell Chatham middle & latter part light winds & calm.
Lat. 44.00 Long. 175.06

Wednesday, January the 30th
Commenced with light winds at 5 P.M. saw storm. Healed lowered the boats but without success. middle & latter part strong gales. Lat. 44.10

Thursday, January the 31st
Commenced with hard gales wind from S. to N. heading from N. to S. took in the bow boat turned up the waist & landward hove & hove the ship to under a close reefed main top sail heading N. & W. at 4 P.M. lowered the main top sail out of the rope 50 ends with hard gales flying to under bare poles.
Lat. 44.10