

William Hamilton Bound for New Caledonia

Saturday, March the 3rd

Commenced with strong breezes from the S. Course W by S. at 5 A.M. saw the Island of Cro. at 6 took in the top sail. heading to the S. at 7 A.M. tacked ship to the S. S. W. at 8 kept off H. at 8 a canoe came from the Island. Course W by S. W. Lat. 20.34

Sunday, March the 4th

Commenced with strong breezes from the S. S. E. Course W by S. with all sail set. Middle & latter the same. Lat. 21.50 Long. 179.07 W

Monday, March the 5th

Commenced with strong breezes from the S. S. E. Course W by S. W. at 4 A.M. saw sperm whales lowered the boats but did not tuck ship to the S. S. E. at 3 tacked to the S. S. E. at 6 P.M. saw a large Whale. at 8 lowered the boats but did not see him again so there is hard luck again.

Tuesday, March the 6th

Commenced with strong breezes from the S. S. E. steering to the S. S. W. Middle & latter the same. Lat. 21.20 Long. 179.20 W

Wednesday, March the 7th

Commenced with strong breezes from the S. steering to the S. W. at 7 A.M. hauled about the main yard for the night at 8 braces foremast. Course W by S. W. Lat. 21.40 Long. 178.46

Ship William Hamilton Cruising for Whales

Thursday, March the 8th

Commenced with strong breezes from S. S. E. Course W by S. Middle & latter part. Lat. 21.30 Long. 178.18 W

Friday, March the 9th

Commenced with strong gales from the S. S. E. Course W by S. at 6 A.M. Course S. W. under double reefed top sails at 12 saw Phoenix Island uninhabited. Lat. 22.24 Long. 178.15 W

Saturday, March the 10th

Commenced with strong gales from the S. S. E. Course S. W. at 5 saw Matthews Island at 7 double reefed the top sails at day light kept off W by S. & made sail. Lat. 22.40 Long. 178.30 W

Sunday, March the 11th

Commenced with light breezes from the East Course W by S. all sail set at 7 P.M. saw sperm whales lowered the boats & obtained 2. 1 to the starboard & 1 to the starboard boat. Lat. 22.20 Long. 178.18 W

Monday, March the 12th

Commenced with strong breezes from the East all hands employed in pulling at 6 finished & took in sack heading to the S. at 8 P.M. Commenced backing at 11 saw Matthews Island uninhabited. Lat. 22.15 Long. 178.40

Tuesday, March the 13th

Commenced with strong breezes from S. S. E. Course W by S. still backing