

Remarks on board of the Ship William Hamilton 1840.

Sunday. Nov. the 29. th
Commences with strong breezes from the S. heading S. E. &
under short sail latter part more moderate heading S. E. & S.
saw black fish, lowered the boats & took 6. so Ends.

Monday. Nov. the 30. th.
Commences with strong breezes from the S. W. heading
S. E. took in the black fish & a sail heading to the W.
latter part the watch employed in boiling black fish.
saw black fish & killers so Ends.

Lat. 31. 48. S.

Tuesday. December the 1. th
Commences with moderate breezes from the W. steering
S. E. Middle part foggy latter part strong breezes from
S. E. W. heading S. E. so Ends.

Lat. 32. 21. S Long. 170. 05. E

Wednesday. Dec. the 2. th
Commences with strong breezes from the S. E. heading
S. E. under single reefed top sails latter part light breezes
from the S. so Ends.

Lat. 32. 58. S Long. 170. 33. E

Thursday. Dec. the 3. th
Commences with light breezes from the S. E. heading S. E.
saw fin backs latter part strong breezes from the W. at 5
P. M. saw the Islands of New Zealand steering in for
Cook's straits. all hands employed in stowing down oil so Ends.

Lat. 40. 18. S

Friday. Dec. the 4. th
Commences with strong breezes from the W. steering in for
the straits. at 5. finish stowing down oil Middle part calm
latter part fresh breezes from the W. steering S. E. running
through the straits so Ends.

Lat. 40. 34. S Long. 171. 2

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Saturday Dec. the 5. th
Commences with strong breezes from the W. steering S. E.
through the straits at 4 P. M. bent the chains Middle part
light breezes from the W. latter part hard gales from the S. at 3. P. M.
split the jib. Conveying sail to Ground of a lee shore of port
Nicholson at 11 kept off for a harbour so Ends.

Sunday Dec. the 6. th
Commences with hard gales from the S. running for a harbour
at 1. A. M. Came to anchor in & lay on the S. W. side of Cook's straits
in 12 fathoms of water Muddy bottom with a split fore sail
& a new one bent latter part light breezes from the W.
2. boats on shore a fishing grounds a good harbour, sea of all winds
& a plenty of fish & fresh water, so Ends.

Monday Dec. the 7. th
Commences with fresh breezes from the W. S. W. at 10.
weighed anchor & went to sea heading S. under short sail
Middle & latter part moderate breezes from the S. all hands employed
in working the ship through the straits to the Eastward so Ends.

Tuesday. Dec. the 8. th
Commences with strong breezes from the S. employed in beating
to the Eastward. saw a sail to the windward Middle strong breezes
from the N. all hands employed in beating the ship in for port
Nicholson but in vain. wind & tide a head. at 1 kept off for
Cloudy bay. steering W. so Ends.

Wednesday. Dec. the 9. th
Commences with strong gales from the N. at 2 A. M. Came
to an anchor in Cloudy bay in 6. fathoms of water Muddy bottom

Thursday. Dec. the 10. th
Commences with strong breezes from the S. at 6. took the anchor & went
to sea. saw a bark beating in. Vegetables there is none. but a plenty of
wood & water. Course S. E. & W. Ends.

Lat. 43. N. S Long. 171. 2, E