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Sunday April 16. 1843

Good winds from the S.W. Men employed in the usual way, Sunday being a cleaning up day, Beautiful weather for fishing but to our sorrow we cannot cry out there the blood, but our luck is coming, Remick was taken very ill last evening but fortunately he is much better this morning

Longitude 163.33 W

Latitude 31.55 N

Monday April 17. 1843

Strong breeze from S. and good weather, all hands employed mending sails and ship's duty, Cook, Remick and Baldwin still remain on the sick list, Raised a whale at 4 P.M. Lowered two Boats the Boat made three efforts, the last time the whale stove the Boat all were taken up by Mr. Boston, and so they say, The Whale got on her side a lance he was shouting blood when the Boats left him at 8 P.M. got the two Boats in at 9 P.M. and went to supper

Longitude 163.26 W

Latitude 33.34 N

Tuesday April 18. 1843

Strong breeze from W. Carpenter getting stove Boat mended looking in all directions for that fish, but have seen nothing of him as yet, King of bird in sight some right Whale about these rigging's Cook has got on deck this afternoon

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Remick remains below and will be some time before he comes out he is a dreadful old dog, The Gentlemen with the Cramp are coming on slowly

Longitude 162.45 W

Latitude 34.00 N

Wednesday April 19. 1843

Winds from the N. blowing strong during the early part of the day, Steering E.N.E. plenty of but in sight hope to see some of them ships soon, Carpenter getting along slowly with his boat Cooper mending Old Casks for the boat deck, the Baker down below with a couple

Longitude 162.36 W

Latitude 34.03 N

Thursday April 20. 1843

Strong winds from S.E. very heavy swell from the N. Men employed in breaking out between decks, Carpenter has completed the mending of the Boats; and this afternoon we got her on the chains-hope she will be more fortunate next time, Men got afternoon watch and watch below, Remick still remains below and gentlemen as much as ever

Mistake Longitude 162.24 W 160.36 W

Latitude 35.30 34.19 N

Friday April 21. 1843

Moderate breeze S and S. Weather rather foggy, some something like N.W. Men cleaning up between decks and getting ready for them, mast, Tita called Whales