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The camp getting much better
than some more comfortable
since we left Monday that I
believe is always the case
when the Fish Boat team glides
away and home, friends, and
all, we forgotten we must
not grow sentimental but
turn our thoughts to more
peaceful things, Blubber nothing
but Blubber runs in our heads
from morning until night
and then we have our bananas
fried in it.

Longitude 158.24 W
Latitude 35.47 N

Wednesday April 22. 1843

Wind about
the same, blowing strong, strong
N.W. Ship sailing in each water
in all directions from fore to
stem have not seen any of
them 250. bts as yet all hands
well except Bernick and the
gentleman with the camp
who is coming on board.

Longitude 158.02 W
Latitude 36.53 N

Sunday April 23. 1843

Strong winds from
S.E. heavy swell, weather thick
and rainy sailing under close
reefed topsails, if this be
sign of the latter part weather
not deliver me from it all
hands on duty but Bernick
is getting a little better
we have seen a great many
right whale's blubber, so we may
soon expect to the up to our
eyes in blubber.

Longitude 155 W
Latitude 40.30 N

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Monday April 24. 1843
Wind blowing strong
from S.E. very heavy swell weather
thick and gloomy all topsails
close reefed at 10 P.M. wind increased
took in fore and mizen topsails
and let the fore spinnace at 2 P.M.
wind changed round to west.

Longitude 154.23 W
Latitude 42.9 N

Tuesday April 25. 1843

Strong breezes
from S.W. heavy swell weather
fine clear and cold, men
employed in rifting up
old sails, Cooper works between
Decks which makes it more
pleasant than cold weather
for him. No much doing
in the whaling line have
not seen a spout of any
kind for some days.

Longitude 152.38.30 W
Latitude 43.24 N

Wednesday April 26. 1843

Wind blowing strong
from N.W. steering S by E. have
not seen any of them 200 bts blubber
all hands employed mending
sails and ship duty, one man
below with a bon fire weather
gloomy and cold. At 10 P.M.
killed four large whales and
cut them in stinking bits to
night.

Longitude 151.24 W
Latitude 45.18 N

Thursday April 27. 1843

Wind blowing from
N.W. clear cold weather, strong
S.W. Young down with a tail leg.