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Wednesday August 9th

Brisk breeze from S.E. and a very fine weather. Leaving S.E. at 11. Employed barbers. Bill Smith continues cook in place of Victor Paul resigned for the present. Letter sent. Calm and foggy weather.

Lat by Lat 49.17 N
Long by Lat 148.05 W

Thursday August 10th

Foggy nasty weather. Crew employed picking up. Scraping try works. Mr. Norton bore up with sore throat. Cook with the Rheumatism. Antonio with sore leg. Bartola with a dislocated shoulder. Babbet with the Sulk. Mr. Baker overboarded by the Grace of God. Think him to be Godly man and one who tries to live honestly and uprightly in sight of his Creator and Redeemer. Sent a letter. Saw finches 80 & 80.

Lat by Obs 47.45 N
Long by Lat 147.45 W

Friday August 11th

Fine weather. Mains from S.W. all sail set heading to the S.E. by South. Carpenter at work repairing main Royal Mast. Mended the Mainsail. It being calm day no prospect of a breeze soon. Thunk a porpoise. Breakfast. Series of haul. Haul. There appeared to be a great cry and very little fish.

Lat by Obs 47.05 N
Long by Lat 147.25 W

Saturday August 12th

Refreshing shower of rain. Mains from West. Steering S.E. Sent 80 & 80. Fore topmast. Bleeding sail. Saw ship steering S.E. by S.

Lat by Obs 45.41 N
Long by Lat 147.15 W

Sunday August 13

Calm throughout the day with a sail in sight. Dick Nelson put his hair cut to day that being the most important item in the days work.

Lat 45.30 N
Long 147.15 W

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Monday August 14th

Sight breeze from S.W. steering S.E. under all sail until 11. At 11. When it became squally with rain in Sea. Alling sails. Sifted reefed the topsails. Ends fresh. Gales with a tumbling sea. Saw ship this morning astern. The same we saw last evening ahead. Which further proves Biley to be about 60 K as to sailing.

Lat by Obs 43.00 N
Long by Lat 147.40 W

Tuesday August 15th

Fresh gales from N.E. and thick weather. Steering S.E. at 5 P.M. took in the Bow and Waist boat and doubled reefed the topsails. Maining set all sail the Mains having hauled to the North and clearing up. Employed mending the Bow.

Lat by Obs 39.36 N
Long by Lat 148.00 W

Wednesday August 16th

Continues fresh gales from North and equally. Steering S by E. Compass split and mended. The Studding sails twice during the day, feel quite ill to day, and what seems worse I have one or two Gentlemen on board who try to make it their business to aggravate me. Let them go it says I, it will terminate in the end greatly to their disadvantage I think. Mr. Norton in my opinion is a very dangerous man, what is to say he has an unruly tongue, and puts on two faces whenever he pleases. I think I know him thoroughly.

Lat by Obs 36.00 N
Long by Lat 148.08 W

Thursday August 17th

All these twenty four hours moderate breeze from N.W. and fine weather. Steering South sent about the Royal Masts for the first time. During the voyage, mended the fore topsail. Chips for one says the happy crew contented. He has plenty to eat, drink and sleep. Plenty to do and a little to get.

Lat by Obs 34.25 N Long by Lat 148.15 W