

1843. Journal of Ship Mr. Thompson

Friday August 18th

Light winds from West. Getting to the Southward slowly got up our Whale Bone and arrived it and bundled it at 10 A.M. Got Lunar Obs about the same time saw traces to windward suppose them to be pumps or some other fabulous animal as Mr. Miller says.

Lat by Obs 33.05 N

Long by Chron 149.17.30 W

Long by Mr. Kato Sex 147.40 W

Long by My Sex 146.59.30

Chron 149.17.30

Mean of the two Sextants 1 deg 58' Eastward of Chron

Saturday August 19th

Light winds from N.E. and very fine weather steering to S.S.W. all hands hands busily employed. Making bone and other jobs to keep the ship out of them.

Lat by Obs 32.02 N

Long by Chron 148.20 W

Sunday August 20

Mostly calm through out the day. Heading to the Southward. Nothing going to disturb the monotony of the day until 10 this morning when the crew turned out and had a general swimming match with the dogs and canoes. At 11 got Lunar Obs that being the most important item in the days work.

Lat by Obs 31.30 N

Long by Chron 148.36

Lunars 147.38 W

Mean of the two Sex 1 deg 58' 30" East of Chron

Monday August 21st

Calm until 4 P.M. when it sprung up a breeze from the N.W. at the steering sail and steered to S.S.W. broke out our Beef & Pork and Coopered it. Got Lunar Obs. Which gives the Longitude at noon 148.15 W.

Long by Chron 150.17 W

Lat by Obs 31.16 N

Mean of the two Sex 1 deg 58' 15" East of Obs Chron as usual
Mean of " " " 58 minutes 30 Sec East of New Chron

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Tuesday August 22nd

Fine breeze from N.E. East steering S.S.W. employed Coopering Revisions. Nothing in sight not even a fin back. Dick Asher is all life and animation to day thinks he'll live some time yet I hoped so for and at any rate.

Lat by Obs 29.35 N

Long by Chron 149.20 W

No Arvo 149.22 W

Wednesday August 23rd

Beautiful fine weather we going along about 7 knots steering for the Sandwich Islands. finished Coopering our Beef & Pork and gave the ship a clean wash off it being a rainy day. Heard a tale to day which opened my eyes not a little.

Lat by Obs 28.05 N

Mean of two Chron 150.40 W

Thursday August 24th

Light breeze with squalls of rain occasionally scraping and cleaning ship. setting up Shooks for water &c &c. This morning found several Bundles of Bone. Opened, and part of it missing. a stolen, made inquiries among the crew but no one knew any thing about it. Except Antonio who saw one of the crew bring down two Habs into the fore-castle but who that one was is left for me to find out which I am trying to do by keeping them all deck scrubbing & scraping ship and other nasty jobs.

Lat by Obs 27.11 N

Long by Chron 151.24 W

Friday August 25th

Charming weather since from S.E. East all hands on deck. Scraping and scrubbing ship. painting &c. Saw nothing of the Whale Bone at 4 P.M. Got altitudes for the Chronometers. Which gives the Longitude 152.20 W.

Lat by Obs 25.02 N

Thermometer stands at 78 degrees

Barometer 30 inch 3 lines