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Journal of Ship Wm Thompson

Saturday August 26th

Very fine weather wind from East Steering S.W. under all sail for the Lagoon Islands the nearest land bearing S.W. distant 320 miles think we shall see it on the 27th. but hope to be agreeably disappointed by sight of Sperm Whales we so anxiously watching for. At 10 A.M. saw Ship Steering S.W. which chases us up a little

Lat by Obs 23.11 N

Long by Mean of two Chron 155.35 W
Longitude by Lunar Obs with different Sextants the Mean of which gives 154.03 W
and have shaped the course according to thereof

Sunday August 27th

Strong trades and fine weather Steering S.W. will see the Land tomorrow if the Wind stands. At 4 A.M. saw the Islands of Moore one of the Sandwich Group bearing S.W. distant by Estimation 30 miles at noon East point S.W. by S 25 Miles. Saw Ship in Shore Steering West

Lat by Obs 21.10 N

Long by Acct 155.32 W

Monday August 28th

Strong trades Steering N by S, three Islands in sight, namely, Moore, Morotoi, Rani at 4 P.M. hove the Chains and got the anchors off the bow at 10 A.M. came to anchor in Lagoon roads in 15 fathoms at 12 went on shore & Whale Ships lying here all from the N.W. coast

Tuesday 29th

Calm and very hot weather sent a raft of casks on shore got off but could not get potatoes &c on board ashore on liberty

Wednesday 30th

Light breeze from S.W. during the day and uncommonly hot weather one half the crew ashore on liberty this day anchored Ship Erie of Fairhaven 33 months out 2750 and entry of Broom 35.00

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Thursday August 31st

Little and better the same as on the preceding day one boat ashore on liberty as usual this day anchored Ship Logan of New Bedford full Broom Home

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Fine weather throughout the day getting off recruits thence the Broom &c

Saturday 2nd

Strong trades from N.E. got off our boat and stowed it sent another raft on shore one boat ashore on liberty

Sunday 3rd

Beautiful weather sent all hands ashore to Church except a boat crew who stopped on board to keep ship at sunset they all returned on board

Monday 4th

Discharged our Whale Bone on board Ship Erie Capt Lane got off a raft of water &c

Tuesday 5th

Very fine weather this day Despatched from the Ship Robert Bates and Francis Russell, got off some recruits &c

Wednesday 6th

Getting off recruits tarring rigging all hands on board this day Ship South Carolina, Junior, and South Boston also sailed Ship Pacific on a cruise

Thursday 7th

all hands on board tarring rigging and getting off recruits Ship John Hale Kanaka