

1843

Journal of the Whale Ship W^m ThompsonSunday Sept 8th

Strong breeze from N.E. East getting ship ready for sea. Hipped Nathan Harick Seaman near Boston of Robert Sator and Francis Russell

Saturday 9th

at 6 A.M. got under weigh for the Island of Cuba where we arrived at 1 P.M. making the passage in seven hours. at 2 went on shore. Thipped George Buckman. at sunset sent the Boat on Board. stopping on shore myself

Sunday 10th

Strong trades at 9 A.M. the boat came ashore soon after. George Babbins Deserter from her at 3 P.M. went on Board and stowed to sea at 12 Midnight. looked back for the Island at 5 A.M. went on shore again. Thipped James Hall seaman and at 3 P.M. went on Board. about the same time the United States Schooner of War Erie Commodore Dallas arrived 52 days from Valparaiso via Callao

Monday 11th

Steering off N.E. for the Island of St. John. no observation

Tuesday 12th

Very fine weather. Steering for the Island of St. John at 12 arrived off the harbor

Wednesday 13th

for hogs at 1 P.M. sent a boat and in the course of the afternoon procured 70 hogs. some Melons and Bannanas at sunset returned on Board much pleased with our day work and trade at 5 P.M. left off N.E. for the Island of Oahu at 10 P.M. to for the night.

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Journal of Ship W^m ThompsonWednesday Sept 13th continued

At daylight run down for the Harbor at 10 A.M. sent a boat on shore. at 12 the boat returned without any thing in her in the bag. stoke line made sail and stood to sea

No Obs

Thursday 14th

Strong breeze from N.E. heading N.E. the Watch employed barbers by three men off duty

Lat by Obs 23.06 N

Long by Chron 160.29 W

Friday 15th

Wind and weather the same as on 14th heading to the North the Watch employed as usual

Lat by Obs 25.35 N

Long by Chron 160.45 W

Saturday 16th

Strong breeze and squally weather heading to the North put out the Mast Boat and took in the bow boat to repair at sunset in mainsail. single reefed the topsails. split the jib. substituted it and bent new one. repaired Bow Boat. saw Branches to seaward. looked after the Lark &c

Lat by Obs 27.55 N

Long by Chron 161.05 W

Sunday 17th

Trades getting more moderate at 6 A.M. set Main top Gallant sail. cleared up deck for Sunday. put every thing in ship shape better &c noticed the hogs that being the most important item in the days work

Lat by Obs 29.17 N

Long by Chron 161.08 W

Monday 18th

Wind and weather the same as on the preceding day steering to the North gloomy times no Whales very dull appeared. wrote a letter to my Owners. the day coming. of our hard fate hoping to get a little sympathy from them. But methinks it will be much better than words