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Journal of Ship W^m Thompson

Wednesday Sept 27th

Calm, nothing to do but
the Monotony of the times. Went into Main Top Sail today
out the after hold for Beans and if nothing happens shall
raise the Main before long

Lat by Obs 35.46 N
Long by Chron 148.50 W

Thursday Sept 28th

Calm throughout the
day. Employed painting Ship. Hearing the Iron Work
we had a School of Dolphins around the Ship trying to
catch some. They would not bite at a Bait, had
to give them up, and content ourselves by looking
at them.

Latitude by Meridian 35.11 N
Long by Chron 148.36 W

Friday Sept 29th

Calm, Calm scarcely
a breath of Wind here we felt during the day. Em-
ployed painting Ship

Lat by Obs 35.03 N
Long by Chron 147.34 W

Saturday Sept 30th

Calm throughout the
day. Painted the Starboard Side of the Ship. Cooper Em-
ployed making breakers

Lat by Obs 34.47 N
Long by Chron 147.35 W

Sunday Sept Oct 1st

Light breeze from S.E.
heading to the Southward. Latter part Squally W. wind

Lat by Obs 33.26 N
Long by Chron 147.28 W

Monday Oct 2nd

Fresh breeze and Squally
Weather standing to the S. East and S. West. Mr
Stanton off duty Sick

Lat by Obs 31.31 N
Long by Chron 146.51 W

Tuesday Oct 3rd

Strong trades heading S.E. by
given up trying to get to the Eastward. Made let her
go to the Southward a while and see how the
Wind lies &c Mr Stanton still on the Sick list.
Antonio resumed his duty today after being
below 3 Months

Lat by Obs 29.26 N
Long by Chron 146.20 W

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Wednesday Oct 4th

Fresh breeze and Squally
going along about 6 knots to the S.E. by S. with much
rain about decks. The crew have white and
Watch below, nothing but Hill and Eat Beans and
Potatoes, they seem too lazy to do that. Mr Stanton
still off duty Sick, feels rather better today however

Lat by Obs 27.34 N

Long by Chron 146.03 W

Thursday Oct 5th

Strong breeze from
S.E. heading to the Southward. At 5 P.M. the wind
battered to the S.E. with Squalls of rain, backed to
the Eastward, it is somewhat remarkable that the wind
has been blowing constantly from S. East to S. East
ever since we left the Sandwich Islands, and no
appearance of a change to the Westward

Lat by Obs 26.54 N

Long by Chron 145.30 W

Friday Oct 6th

Wind from S.E. and a fine breeze
heading E. by E. at Work on the rigging. Cooper making breakers
Mr Stanton on duty once more backed to the South
Saw jumpers and porpoises

Lat by Obs 25.11 N

Long by Chron 146.00 W

Saturday Oct 7th

Fresh trades and squally
Weather steering Ship in top Gall Sails single sheet
the Topsails. Clear weather during the day

Lat by Obs 23.41 N

Long by Chron 145.40 W

Sunday Oct 8th

Strong trades throughout the
day going S.E. by S. Mr Stanton resumed his duty again
to day, thinks he shall weather it now like Smith
off duty with a gun Boil on his foot as he says

Lat by Obs 21.34 N

Long by Chron 144.30 W