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Journal of Ship Mr Thompson

Saturday Oct 21st

Mind and Weather the same as on the preceding day heading East Employed about the ship rigging

Sat by Obs 5.53 at Long by Chron 132.09 W

Sunday Oct 22nd

Light air from S.E. east Beautiful Weather heading to the eastward at 7 AM. Tackled to the S.W. Saw pieces of Squid but no Whales the Lord help us. Sat by Obs 6.34 at Long by Chron 131.29 W

Monday Oct 23rd

Light air from S.E. east at 12 Midnight tacked to the S.E. Broke on between decks for Old Iron Sat by Obs 5.55 at Long by Chron 131.09 W

Tuesday Oct 24th

Fresh breezes from South and squalls heading E.S. east Employed picking up great many Birds in sight all day and Legions of Porpoises Sat by Obs 6.30 N Long by Chron 12

Wednesday Oct 25th

Fresh Winds from South heading E.S. east. Ship the flying jib at 10 PM the chandler to the S. East tacked to the S.W. repaired fly jib set our new Blacksmith at work to day to make a brace for the after Davitt which rather puzzled him. Could not get the hang of it as the Boy sailor of the School House Sat by Obs 3.11 at Long by Chron 129.58 W

Thursday Oct 26th

Fine Weather heading to the S.W. at Work painting boats Mr Baker mended his again to day Sat by Obs 1.30 at Long by Chron 1

Friday Oct 27th

Mind and Weather the same as on the preceding day heading S by W Saw a large Breach to Windward Got Linnæus Sat by Obs 10 Miles S Long by Chron 132.02 W Sat by Chron 132.00 45 W

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Saturday Oct 28th

Fine Weather cruising far and near for the spotted Shortneck Sail at 10 AM for the first time leaving Port. at 10 AM the joyful cry of their she blows was announced from the Main top Gallant head. Spinn Whales all hands singing and bellowing others began to bellow. If one were there He'd surely swear that he'd seen ^{Mellon} the Boats and after a good hard pull came up with them, they proved to be finbacks at 8 AM came on board and took up the boats and made sail to the Southward Sat by Obs 1.17 S Long by Chron 132.50 W

Sunday Oct 29th

Mind from S.E. east and very fine Weather heading S.W. nothing in sight not even a porpoise Got Linnæus Obs by two different Sextants, the Mean of which gave the Longitude 134.25 W Sat by Chron 134.36 W Sat by Obs 2.16 South

Monday Oct 30th

Mind still at S.E. east and unobscuredly pleasant, heading S.W. by South at 10 PM the Wind changed to E.S. tacked to the South Beat, nothing in sight all day. Sat by Obs 3.33 at Long by Chron 135.22 West

Tuesday Oct 31st

Charming Weather since from E.S. steering South employed painting boats etc etc Sat by Obs 5.28 at Long by Chron 135.33 W

Wednesday Oct 1st

All these twenty four hours moderate breeze from E.S. east and very fine Weather steering South and S.W. saw Breach to leeward and run for them which proved to be finback Sat by Obs 7.17 S Long by Chron 136.32 W