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Journal of Ship Wm. Thompson

Thursday Nov 2^d

Wind and Weather the same as on the preceding day. Steaming S.W. by S. at sunset shortened sail and to reduce the topsails heading to the Southward at daylight made all sail to the S.W. for the Marquesas Islands. Saw jaspers and porpoises.

Lat by Obs 8.28 S

Long by Chr 137.38 W

Friday Nov 3^d

Birds and Weather Steaming S.W. by W. at 7 P.M. shortened sail and lay by during the night at daylight set all sail and steamed S.W. at 10 A.M. made the Land Boats Island one of the Marquesas Group bearing S.W. dist 45 miles at 11 A.M. saw the Island of Dominica bearing S.W. Lat by Obs 9.27 S

Long by Chr 138.30

Saturday Nov 4th

Strong trades and greatly accompanied with rain at 4 P.M. went on shore at Dominica and in the course of the afternoon and following day took on Board 9 Hogs 1000 Coconuts 100 Pumpkins and 20 bunches of Bananas &c &c in exchange for 1 keg of Powder 60 Pipes and 10 lbs of Tobacco and found the natives very civil much more so than I anticipated.

No Observations

to day

Sunday Nov 5th

at 2 P.M. left the Island and steamed off at sunset shortened sail and lay by during the night at 5 A.M. made all sail and steamed to the S.W. saw Blackfish and porpoises in abundance at noon Rocahoga West 15 miles

Lat by Obs 8.58 S

Long by Chr 138.00 W

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Monday Nov 6th

Beautiful Weather. Ant No Whales Rocahoga and Dominica in sight at 12 Meridian about came on Board from the Island last mentioned

Lat by Obs 9.58 S

Long by Chr 139.05 W

Tuesday Nov 7th

Trading with Natives for potatoes and Bannanas in the course of the day found 50 Bbls of Sweet Potatoes and the Natives and White Residents I found to be lying, thriving set of rascals and it seems to be their chief study and amusement to cheat us all they can while trading with them on shore at 2 P.M. left the Island and steamed to the S.W.

Lat 9.56 S

Long by Chr 139.15 W

Wednesday Nov 8th

Steaming to the S.W. under all sail Rocahoga, Roapoor and Rochevach in sight employed stowing away potatoes at 10 A.M. put it into Green Water and remained in it all the way to Rochevach

Lat by Obs 9.56 S

Longitude 139.30 W

Thursday Nov 9th

Steaming in for Rochevach at 2 P.M. reached off shore. beating to the S.W. during the night latter part calm. Rocahoga bearing East Rochevach West

Lat by Obs 9.02 South

Long by Chr 139.33 W

Friday Nov 10th

Calm until 9 P.M. then took a breeze from the Eastward and steamed to the Northward at 9 A.M. saw Roberts Islands bearing W by S. the Natives employed painting the Iron work about the ship

Lat by Obs 8.10 S

Long by Chr 139.

Saturday Nov 11th

Light airs from the East heading to the Rochevach, Rocahoga and Roberts Islands in sight at 6 P.M. shortened sail and lay by for the night in the morning steamed in for Roberts Island

Lat by Obs 7.51 S

Long by Chr 140.38 W