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Journal of Whale Ship *the Thompson*

Sunday Nov 12th

While short and fine weather at 1 PM landed with two Boats on Roberts Island, in a small bay on the N.W. side, and in the course of the afternoon got off two boat loads of wood, the surf a tremendous running high and wood scarce. Good may be obtained here close to the beach provided you have a horse to haul it out through the surf. We saw three Hops in the valley immediately above the harbor and Coconut trees on the Mountain at 5 PM went on Board, heating during the night to weather the Land at Moon Island. More at East North by Estimation 19 Miles

Lat by Obs 7.41 S

Long by Chr 140.13 W

Monday Nov 13th

While short heating at East at 12 Midnight tackled to the N.W. Latter part strong breezes employed variously

Lat by Obs 7.20 S

Long by Chr 138.48 W

Tuesday Nov 14th

Fresh breeze through out the day heading at N.W. broke out for water and filled them again with salt to keep them from rotting. No appearance of Whales, no boiling, not even a porpoise. *Chilly*

Lat by Obs 5.23 S

Long by Chr 140.33 W

Wednesday Nov 15th

While and weather the same as on the preceding day heading at N.W. boiling in sight all day. The Old Low brought forth eleven Pigs. that being the most important item in the days work

Lat by Obs 3.42 S

Long by Chr 140.50 W

Thursday Nov 16th

Fresh breeze and pleasant weather steering to the North and east all time. No Whales nor no appearance of any

Lat by Obs 2.13 S Longitude 140.3

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Friday Nov 17th

Strong breeze all day heading at N.E. Blacksmith busy at his trade, the Cooper made an instrument to draw off oil. Chief to take the oil out of Cask when Stowell in the Hold or rather when filled to full he has not time to get but says it took admirably. Saw fin backs and porpoises

Lat by Obs 1.13 South

Long by Chr 139.22 W

Saturday Nov 18th

Moderate heading to the North. Employed setting up and turning in rigging. Mr. Horton got so ill to day, that he would not eat, a fat foolish man. Is all that can call him

Lat by Obs 4 Miles South

Long by Chr 139.18 W

Sunday Nov 19th

Light breeze at 3 PM turned to the South at Sunset shortened sail and lie by for the night. At daylight left her off S.W. by West saw great many porpoises

Lat by Obs 10 Miles South

Long by Chr 140.02 W

Monday Nov 20th

Strong breeze from S.E. steering S.W. by West at 4 PM raised Shoal of Whales four points off the Weather bow. Six miles off lowered the Boats and chased them until Sunset then came on board, shortened sail and stood to the North at 4 PM tackled to the Southward at 5 PM saw Breaches ahead and made sail for them

Lat by Obs 4 Miles S

Longitude 140.20 W

Tuesday Nov 21st

Fresh breeze and fine weather at 1 PM raised Sperm Whales at 2 lowered the Boats at 5 and took a Shoal Whale to the ship and cut him in latter part of the day employed boiling

Lat by Obs 4 Miles South

Long by Chr 140.11 W

Wednesday Nov 22nd

Weather the same as on the preceding day finished boiling in all 13 Blks. Saw Blackfish and Porpoises

Lat by Obs 4 Miles South

Long by Chr 139.50 W