

1843 Journal of Whale Ship M^r Thompson

Thursday Dec 23rd

Standing to the North sent in by jib boom Carpenter employed fitting davits for Starboard bow boat. Lat 47° 40' raised sperm Whales. heard but could not get near them. Saw four more schools during the forenoon did not look for them.

Lat by Obs 35 Miles. N

Long by Chron 139. 46 W

Friday Dec 24th

Fresh Gales from East at 1 P.M. raised breaches to leeward which proved to be sperm Whales did not see them. Spent until run over them with the ship at 5 P.M. raised more Whales lowered the Boats and took two to the ship.

Saturday Dec 25th

Strong Breeze at daylight. Bore ship and cut in the two Whales and made sail to the Southward two hands off duty.

Lat by Obs 37 Miles N

Long by Chron 139. 46 W

Sunday Dec 26th

Strong breeze beating to the Eastward finished furling in all 25 Bbls. Cleared up decks and let the Main sail. Lat by Obs 15 Miles N

Long by Chron 139. 15 W

Monday Dec 27th

Mild and Weather the same as on the preceding day. all hands busily employed.

Lat by Obs 40 Miles. S

Long by Chron 139. 16 W

Tuesday Dec 28th

Fine weather cruising far and near for the Spouters finished the Bow Boat davits and put them over the side after a two weeks job.

Lat by Obs 17 Miles South

Long by Chron 1

Wednesday Dec 29th

Mild and Weather the same as on the preceding day. employed fitting Starboard bow Boat.

Lat by Obs 2 Miles N

Longitude 138. 39 W

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Thursday Dec 30th

Weather more moderate all hands employed about the rigging saw Black fish and porpoises. Lat by Obs 31 Miles. S

Long by Chron 139. 39 W

Friday Dec 31st

Fine weather standing to the North, fitting up a new Starboard boat. Saw Black fish.

Lat by Obs 47 Miles North

Saturday Dec 2nd

Beautiful weather standing S.E. nothing in sight all day. Got the Starboard bow boat ready for whaling.

Lat 57 Miles. South

Long by Chron 139. 50 W

Sunday Dec 3rd

Mild and Weather the same as on the preceding day. nothing to do but eat drink and be merry. for tomorrow we may get a whale.

Lat by Obs 37 Miles South

Long by Chron 139. 04 West

Monday Dec 4th

Fresh breeze and pleasant weather cruising North and South for Whales. but see nothing not even a porpoise crew employed doing nothing.

Lat by Obs 29 Miles South

Long by Chron 139. 21 West

Tuesday Dec 5th

Strong breeze all day steering South at sunset shortened sail as usual. Employed repairing sails.

Lat by Obs 3.26 South

Long by Chron 139. 25 West

Wednesday Dec 6th

Strong breeze throughout the day. Steering South at 9 A.M. raised Whales however and took one Shoal Whale to the ship.

Lat by Obs 6.00 South

Long by Chron 139. 20 W

Thursday Dec 7th

Strong breeze and foggy weather cut in the Main at 4 P.M. raised and lowered for more Whales and were sighted by Benjamin Smith. got sunset came on Board at daylight commenced boring. Lat by Obs 6.17 S Long by Chron 139. 36 West