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Friday Dec 8th

Strong breeze through the day at 10 PM finished boiling in all 23 Boats Making now on Board 140 Bbls. Cleared up decks and set the Mainsail Lat by Obs 6.55 S. Long by Chr 139.49 W

Saturday Dec 9th

Weather more Moderate heading South Shortened as usual sail. about the same time saw Roberts Islands one of the Washington group lie by for the night at daylight kept off for the Island & got a raft of Casks ready for water Lat by Obs 7.49 S. Long by Chr 140.26 W

Sunday Dec 10th

At 1 PM sent in three boats with a raft of Cask for water and in the course of the afternoon filled 4 casks, very soon after the boats landed 5 of the best the Boat with but Liberty & Henry Young. George Backman James Hall. James Matthews Peter Hannigan waited until sunset for them and then came on Board at 7 PM went on shore filled the remainder of casks at 12 Noon then got the raft off to the ship while on shore heard some of the above named gentlemen. Wide Holler sent twice but saw no one Lat by Obs 7.56 S. Long by Chr 140.26

Find the old Chro 8 Miles to the East. Island 140.34

Monday Dec 11th

Hoisted in our Water Made sail and stood to the North Employed stowing away water in fore hold Cooper employed repairing casks Lat by Obs 6.15 S. Long by Chr 140.20 W

Tuesday Dec 12th

Strong breeze all day heading to the North over at work about the rigging Cooper employed repairing water casks Lat by Obs 4.23 S. Long by Chr 140.55 W

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Wednesday Dec 13th

Wind the same as on the preceding day heading to the North at 5 PM Shortened sail at daylight set it again repaired Sprakes and close Mizen Lat by Obs 2.36 S. Long by Chr 140.56 W

Thursday Dec 14th

Strong breeze heading to the North repairing sails, staking in light all day Lat by Obs 5.5 Miles South Long by Chr 141.13 W

Friday Dec 15th

Wind and weather as usual heading to the North at 5 PM turned to the South Employed repairing fore topsail Lat by Obs 10 Miles S. Long by Chr 141.20 W

Saturday Dec 16th

Fresh breeze throughout the day setting up rigging latter part steering N.W. Lat by Obs 5.7 Miles S. Long by Chr 142.51 W

Sunday Dec 17th

All these twenty four hours fresh breeze from East steering N.W. and N.W. North in sight of the whale line all day Lat by Obs 17 Miles S. Long by Chr 144.32 W

Monday Dec 18th

Wind and weather continue the same steering to the North the whole day Employed setting up rigging Lat by Obs 36 Miles S. Long by Chr 146.30 W

Tuesday Dec 19th

Fine weather throughout the day steering N.W. at work about the rigging Lat by Obs 31 Miles S. Long by Chr 147.45 W

Wednesday Dec 20th

Beautiful weather steering West employed evaporating oil for heating below Lat by Obs 36 Miles S. Long by Chr 151.40 W