

1843 Journal of Whale Ship Wm Thompson

Thursday Dec 21st

Fine weather working to the Westward stowed down our sperm oil in 52 Bbls Making now on Board 140 Bbls saw Breaches

Sat by Obs 1.07 S

Long by Chr 152.40 W

Friday Dec 22nd

Wind and Weather the same as on the preceding day Steering S.W. broke out for Beef & Pork started a cask of sardines, been quite unwell to day with a pain in my left side

Sat by Obs 1.15 South

Long by Chr 154.11 W

Saturday Dec 23rd

Clear & Smoky weather Steering S.W. employed variously

Sat by Obs 2.50 S

Long by Chr 154.24 W

Sunday Dec 24th

Light breezes from the N.E. East Steering South at sunset started sail at 12 Midnight the Wind changed to the S.W. with rain, gradually hauling to the South until noon

Sat by Obs 3.08 S

Long by Chr 154.28 W

Monday Dec 25th

Light breezes from North Steering S.W. saw Miller Cooper employed repairing casks

Sat by Obs 3.38 S

Long by Chr 155.00 W

Tuesday Dec 26th

Winds from North Steering S.W. by South at 4 P.M. spoke Ship Range of London Capt Green 42. Months out 1400 Bbls Sperm Oil heard from the N.E. West fleet. have done very well the only harm I wish them is, that they had done the same

Sat by Obs

Long by Chr

Wednesday Dec 27th

Fine weather at 1 P.M. Made Malden Island bearing E by S at 10 P.M. went on there and travelled along the remarkable Island

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Dec 27th Continued

The 2 P.M. returned to the Boat and took along with Capt Green on the Beach and afterwards went out on a fishing excursion and in the course of the afternoon procured 50 or 60. Very large Cod some of which weighed 20 lbs at sunset went on Board and took tea with Green

Sat by Obs 3.59 South

Long by Chr 154.40 W

Differing 20 Miles East of the Island as laid down in Snows Smith Charts. So by Obs Chr 26 Miles East of...

Thursday Dec 28th

Light breezes from the North Steering S.E. with heavy rain at 12 Midnight altered the Course East at daylight fine weather set all sail Bark Ranger in Company

Sat by Obs 4.14 S

Long by Chr 154.20 W

Friday Dec 29th

Fine weather throughout the day the Miner having hauled to the Eastward at 8 A.M. Barker to the North employed variously

Sat by Obs 3.58 South

Long by Chr 154.26 W

Saturday Dec 30th

Wind the same as on the preceding day Steering N.W. caught a fine lot of Albuca had them cooked and found them delicious eating

Sat by Obs 3.13 South

Long by Chr 154.56 W

Sunday Dec 31st

Beautiful weather Steering N.W. shooting in light all day of the Whale Species

Sat by Obs 2.20 South

Long by Chr 156.26 W

Monday Jan 1st 1844

Strong breezes from E. & E. at 12 Midnight turned to the S. East broke out for water Cooper employed setting up Shooks

Sat by Obs 2.16

Long by Chr Long 156.25

Tuesday Jan 2nd

Strong breezes throughout the day heading S.E. employed 2 pairing casks