

1843 Journal of Whale Ship Mr. Thompson

Wednesday Jan 3rd

Thin mists and fine weather heading to the South at 6 AM raised Whales at 10 AM took a 30 Blb Whale to the Ship and cut him in Lat by Obs 2.50 S Long by Chr 156 30

Thursday Jan 4th

Fine weather throughout the day Employed Boiling at 2 PM finished in 30 Blbs Making on Board 100 Blbs Lat by Obs 2.50 S Long by Chr 156 40 W

Friday Jan 5th

Strong breeze at 6 PM raised Whales at Sunset lowered the Boats at 7 PM took 30 Blb Whale to the Ship at daylight hooked and cut him in Lat by Obs 1.47 S Long by Chr 157 05 W

Saturday Jan 6th

Fresh breeze employed Boiling at 7 AM raised Whales at 12 Noon took 1 Shovel Whale to the Ship Lat by Obs 1.43 S Long by Chr 157.33 W

Sunday Jan 7th

Fine weather cut in the Whale at Sunset saw more Whales ahead at 7 AM lowered the Boats for Whales at 10 took a Shovel Whale to the Ship and cut it in Lat by Obs 1.07 S Long 158.00 W

Monday Jan 8th

Raised more Whales Struck three and saved one at 5 PM took him along side and cut him in at 8 commenced boiling at 12 tacked to the South Lat by Obs 1.28 S Long by Chr 57 Miles S

Tuesday Jan 9th

Still Boiling at 3 PM tacked to the Southward at 2 AM finished Boiling in all 50 Blbs Cleared up decks and made Sail Lat by Obs 2.07 S Long by Chr 158.14 W

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Wednesday Jan 10th

Strong breeze and squally heading to S.E. Employed filling the Boats and getting ready for more Whales Coopering Oil for Storing below Lat by Obs 2.53 S Long by Chr 158.18 W

Thursday Jan 11th

Strong breeze and fair weather heading S.E. at 2 PM raised Whales at 3 PM lowered the Boats at 4 AM took 2 Shovel Whales to the Ship and Shortened Sail at daylight bore Ship and cut the Whales and made Sail to the Southward Lat by Obs 3.20 S Long by Chr 158.22 W

Friday Jan 12th

Fresh breeze from East. Throughout the day at 3 PM tacked to the S.E. at 5 AM saw finbacks at 8 AM finished boiling in all 45 Blbs Making now on Board 300 Blbs of sperm oil Latter part of the day Cooper employed tinning oil for Storing Lat by Obs 2.07 S Long by Chr 158.00 W

Saturday Jan 13th

Fine weather Standing to the North getting ready for Storing oil below decks at daylight hooked and lowered down 115 Blbs and 33 Breakers Lat by Obs 2.30 South Long by Chr 157.46 W

Sunday Jan 14th

Moderate breeze and fine weather at 4 AM finished Storing down oil in all 30 Blbs Making now on Board 285 Blbs also Hauled 13 Breakers Lat by Obs 2.50 S Long by Chr 157.28 W

Monday Jan 15th

Beautiful weather beating to the Eastward, saw finbacks and porpoises repaired Starboard boat Cooper employed repairing Cask John Hawley off duty Victor Paul resumed his duty that day Lat by Obs 3.18 South Long by Chr 157.22 W