

1864 Journal of Ship Mr. Thompson

Tuesday Jan 18th

Strong breeze from S.E. at
heading to the N.W. Employed repairing
Cooper Boat Broke out for Water Supply
the crew with Clothing took out for Hooks and
Hoops

Sat by Obs 2.22 South

Long by Chron 157.36 W

Wednesday Jan 19th

Strong breeze from
S.E. and pleasant weather Standing
to the North Employed variously took in
the Starboard bow boat saw a Bark Ship to Windward
beating to the Southward exchanged colors with her

Sat by Obs 1st Miles S

Long by Chron 158.00 W

Thursday Jan 20th

Strong breeze standing to
the S.E. employed variously, the Captain undertook
to mend a boat to day and a fine piece of work
he made of it; the joints look as though the Rats made
them

Sat by Obs 2.22 S

Long by Chron 157.55 W

Friday Jan 21st

Weather getting more
moderate Standing to the South Cooper at Work
Making breakers Blacksmith at his Trade

Sat by Obs 3.35 South

Long by Chron 158.00 W

Saturday Jan 22nd

Moderate breeze from
East and beautiful weather Standing to
S.E. at 4 P.M. tacked to the N.E. at 6
P.M. raised Whales it being too late will
not lower the boats at midnight tacked to
the S.E. at 7 A.M. tacked back again. Strong
windy current

Sat by Obs 3.22 South

Long by Chron 158.11 West

Sunday Jan 23rd

Fresh breeze and fine
weather beating hard to get to the Eastward see
great deal of Sperm the ground looks well
for Sperm Whales

Sat by Obs 3.33 S

Long by Chron 157.52 W

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Monday Jan 22nd

Strong breeze from S.E. at
tacked to the S.E. at 5 A.M. raised Whales put
off the Boats at 11 took a 40 Bbl Whale to the Ship

Sat by Obs 3.40 S

Long by Chron 157.32 W

Tuesday Jan 23rd

Looked on and cut
in the Whale at 5 P.M. commenced boiling heading
S.E. at 12 Midday Got the Blubber Oil in the
pots

Sat by Obs 2.43 S

Long by Chron 157.25 W

Wednesday Jan 24th

Strong breeze and
at 2 P.M. finished boiling on
all 42 Bbl at 5 P.M. tacked to the S.E. rather
squally

Sat by Obs 3.50 S

Long by Chron 157.35 W

Thursday Jan 25th

Strong breeze from S.E.
at 2 P.M. tacked to the North, employed repairing the Boats
and Making breakers sent down the Royal Masts fore
and aft saw many pairs of Sperm

Sat by Obs 2.22 South

Long by Chron 158.36 W

Friday Jan 26th

Wind and weather the
same as on the preceding day heading to the S.E. by Sun
at 6 A.M. tacked to the North employed variously

Sat by Obs 2.02 S

Long by Chron 157.52 W

Saturday Jan 27th

of all these twenty four
hours Strong breeze from East beating under all Sail
to get to the Eastward for the day and find ourselves
by Chronometer 14 Miles to the Westward sent down
Mainsail, Mainsail, jib and Main Top Gallant
Sail for I think it impossible to hold on without
them Caught two Bales of fish in the course of
the day and salted them down ready for the first
Market Victor Paul dove out again with the
Mormonism de Er

Sat by Obs 2.42 S

Long by Chron 158.06 W