

1864 Journal of Ship Mr. Thompson

Monday March 28th

Strong breeze from N. East throughout the day heading N. by E. all hands at work repairing sails

Lat by Obs 10.12 N

Long by Chr 161.48 W

Tuesday 29th

Breeze and weather the same as on the preceding day heading N. by E. all hands at work repairing sails

Lat by Obs 12.22 N

Long by Chr 161.05 W

Wednesday 30th

Strong trades throughout the day heading N. by E. employed variously saw Man of War Hawk and Boobies

Lat by Obs 14.45 N

Long by Chr 161.15 W

Thursday 31st

Weather little more moderate set the fly jib after having got an outer rigging fitted. Prepared our oil ready for stowing

Lat by Obs 17.05 N

Long by Chr 161.07 W

Friday 1st

Moderate breeze from N. East heading N. by E. stored our oil in all 23 Bbls making 400 on Board 564 Bbls Sperm Cleared up decks and washed off

Lat by Obs 18.54 N

Long by Chr 161.40 W

Saturday 2nd

Beautiful weather but rather a bad wind the ship heading N. by E. but course for the Sandwich Is. Later Part Calm cleared the iron work out side

Lat by Obs 20.19 N

Long by Chr 162.05 W

Sunday 3rd

Calm until 5 PM then took a light breeze from East at 5 PM the breeze changed to E. S. E. with heavy rain. Sun Obscured

Lat by Obs 21.16 N

Long by Aut 161.09 W

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Monday March 28th

Moderate breeze with overcast weather heading N. East at 2 PM saw Tahona one of the Sandwich Is. bearing N. East by compass East by estimation 40 miles at 5 PM shifted sail at 7 PM to the South and back again at 12 Midnight checked our Core & took

Lat by Obs 21.47 N

Long by Chr 160.38 W

Tuesday 19th

Fine weather through the twenty four hours with the exception of a few light rain squalls during the night all hands at work washing the ship inside and out fore and aft; at 10 PM spoke ship Poor Helen 4 months out without even a newspaper on board of any kind on Board. about the same time spoke ship Daniel Webster in the same condition both bound for West Coast at 6 PM a stormy sail and lay by during the night at daylight saw sperm whales close in with one of them lowered the boats at 12 noon two 30 M Whales to the ship

Latitude 21.55 N

Long by Chr 160.24 W

Wednesday 13th

Began light air from South at 2 PM commenced cutting at 5 PM finished and made sail and steered N. by E. at 10 PM began boiling latter variable winds with heavy rain the came very near setting the ship on fire when boiling the head at noon had a heavy squall from N. by W. after which the weather cleared up. At 10 in sight E by S 20 miles No Obs.

Thursday 14th

Still boiling at 3 PM took breeze from N. by West at 5 PM cooled down the fires and made sail to the eastward at day light commenced boiling again saw the Island of Nukunoo bearing nearly South

Lat by Obs 22.20 N

Long by Chr 157.35 W