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Thursday July 31st

Strong breezes from
E.S.E. and rain. The tent was
finished. Saw 2 ships. Lat by Obs 53 11
Long by Chr 139, 10

Friday August 1st

Breeze from North
and clear. Stowed down our oil in all the
stoves off the Hatchways. Cleared up decks
and Masted Sail. Lat by Obs 52 50
Long by Chr 139, 10

Saturday Aug 2^d

Breeze from West and
fine weather heading to the S.E. Saw a
French Ship to the Northward. Called it the Argos.
Saw one Right Whale toward the Boat but
could not strike. Lat by Obs 52 52 18
Long by Chr 139, 4 16

Sunday Aug 3^d

This day came in
with an increasing breeze from S.E. and
rainy weather. Ship heading S.W. at 12 Midn.
the wind changed suddenly to S.W. and afterwards
the weather cleared up. Ship a great deal
of water &c. Lat by Obs 52 54 18
Long by Chr 138, 16 West

Monday Aug 4th

Fresh Gales from
S.W. heading E.S.E. the wind halting
gradually to the S.E. Saw Ship to leeward
Boiling Saw 2 Right Whales going quick
S.E. Latter part rainy weather. Lat by Obs 52 50 08
Long by Chr 138, 40 16

Tuesday Aug 5th

Breeze from
E.S.E. heading S.E. at 2 A.M. the wind
hauling to the S.W. Latter part fresh Gale
and squally. Saw one Right Whale
and (saw) many firebirds. Lat by Obs 52 02 08
Long by Chr 138, 40

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Wednesday Aug 6th

Light breezes
from South with very heavy swell from S.W.
Latter calm. Broke our last keel of Bone
Blacksmiths Engine Making Rivets.
Lat by Obs 52 07 08
Long by Chr 138 39 16

Thursday Aug 7th

Foggy and pleasant weather
standing S.E. great swell from S.W. towards
Iron Chair. took a Lunar Obs. which gave
the Longitude 138. 25 West. Lat by Obs 51. 13 08
Long by Chr 138 15 16

Friday Aug 8th

The 1st part clear weather
heading S.E. Latter Rainy at 5 A.M. the wind hauled
to the E.S.E. tacked to the S.W. Lat by Obs 50. 40 08
Long by Chr 138, 05 10

Saturday Aug 9th

Strong breezes from S.E.
and very rainy weather heading S.W. by S. under
double reefed Top Sails. Nothing occurred. No day worthy
of notice. Lat by Obs 50 20 08
Long by Chr 140 00 West

Sunday Aug 10th

Rainy disagreeable
cold weather at 4 the wind hauled to the Southward
and cleared of. Got Lunar Obs. Latter part calm
and pleasant weather. Lat by Obs 49. 43 08
Long by Chr 139. 27 West

Monday Aug 11th

Moderate breezes from
East and very foggy weather. Steering S.W. gave
the Ship a thorough wash of. Rove New Set of Running
Rigging &c. Lat by Obs 48. 46 08
Long by Chr 139. 50 West

Tuesday Aug 12th

Light breezes from South
and foggy heading E.S.E. at 10 A.M. the wind hauled to
the S.W. and Mice away to a Calm.
Lat by Obs 48. 10 08
Long by Chr 139. 6