

1855 Journal of Whaler Ship W. Thompson

Monday Oct 27th
Light breezes from East heading S 8 E
Friday Dec 1st Blacksmith engaged at his trade
Lat by Obs 5.54 N
Long by Chr 152.50 W

Tuesday Oct 28th
Fine weather throughout
the day heading S 10 E
Lat by Obs 4.33 N
Long by Chr 153.50 W

Wednesday Oct 29th
Milder the fine as on
the 28th heading S 10 E
Lat by Obs 3.20 N
Long by Chr 154.30 W

Thursday Oct 30th
Fine weather throughout
the day
Lat by Obs 2.00 N
Long by Chr 154.52

Friday Oct 31st
Weather the same as
in the preceding day
Lat by Obs 52 Miles N
Long by Chr 155.16 W

Saturday Nov 1st
Fine weather all day
Lat by Obs 1.00 South
Long by Chr 155.18 W

Sunday Nov 2nd
Beautiful weather
heading S 10 E
Lat by Obs 2.30 South
Long by Chr 155.32 W

Monday Nov 3rd
Strong winds from N E
heading E. S. E. Got some Obs which gave the
Longitude 155.01 West Long by Chr 155.6 W
Lat by Obs 3.33 S

Tuesday Nov 4th
Shaped our own course
South for Makin's Island in Lat 4.00 South and
Longitude 155.00 West at 2 P.M. saw the land
bearing South distant 18 Miles at sunset passed
by the low end of the Island. Latter part of the
day light breeze saw finbacks

Lat by Obs 4.50 S
Long by Chr 154.30 W

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Wednesday Nov 5th
Calm for the most part
of the day latter squally with rain
Lat by Obs 5.24 South
Long by Chr 154.31 W

Thursday Nov 6th
Light breezes from East
with squalls of Rain occasionally employed Repairing
Sails
Lat by Obs 6.44 South
Long by Chr 154.20 West

Friday Nov 7th
Light breezes from East with
very fine weather employed previously
Lat 8.28 South
Long by Chr 153.81 West

Saturday Nov 8th
Milder and weather the
same as on the preceding day
Lat by Obs 9.35 South
Long by Chr 153.21 West

Sunday Nov 9th
Light breezes with squalls of
Rain occasionally saw Blackfish
Lat by Obs 11.01 South
Long by Chr 153.46 West

Monday Nov 10th
Light breezes as usual heading
S. W. N. Broke out and stowed off the fore hold
Lat by Obs 12.22 South
Long by Chr 153.21 W

Tuesday Nov 11th
Light breezes with rain
weather standing South saw Great Man's Sails
Lat by Obs 13.48 South
Long by Chr 153.40

Wednesday Nov 12th
Light Breeze from
S. E. to S. W. Standing to the S. East
Lat by Obs 15.03 S
Long by Chr 153.07 West

Thursday Nov 13th
Light Breezes from N E
accompanying with thunder & lightning standing East
S. E. latter part Rain at 9 A.M. saw the Island of
Mauvora bearing S by East dist 25 Miles
Lat by Obs 16.00
Long by Chr 152.26 West