

1845 Journal of Whaler Ship Wm Thompson

Sunday Nov 14th

Went four hours fresh breeze from North and pleasant weather at 6 PM passed by about one mile distant from the Island of Maunaloa which is inhabited. This Island lies 30 miles West of the Position given in Arrow Smiths Chart. Latter part of the day very heavy Rain Steered S. by E. Caught 25 Bbls Rain Water Lat by Obs 18. 50 Long by Calc 151. 50

Saturday Nov 15th

Fresh breeze from S.W. & S. with rain heading to the Southward until Eastward. More Moderate towards Noon. Lat by Obs 18. 52 Long by Calc 151. 00

Sunday Nov 16th

Breeze the same as on 15th heading to the Southward Lat by Obs 19. 00 Long by Calc 150. 40

Monday Nov 17th

Breeze from S.E. East Impulse variously Lat by Obs 19. 55

Tuesday Nov 18th

Very fine weather with heavy S.W. breeze from South, Lat by Obs 20. 17 Long by Calc 149. 31

Wednesday Nov 19th

Light breeze from S. Steamed S.W. at work about the Rigging Lat by Obs 20. 20 Long by Calc 150. 7

Thursday Nov 20th

Light breeze from E. Steaming South with very clear weather Lat by Obs 21. 03 Long by Calc 150. 6

Friday Nov 21st

Light breeze from N.W. Steaming S.W. set the up fore & Main Rigging Lat by Obs 21. 43 Long by Calc 150. 36

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Saturday Nov 22nd

Light breeze from N.W. Steaming S.W. by S. Imple setting up Rigging at 5 PM. Saw the Island of Oheleia bearing S.W. by S. distant by Estimation 50 Miles. Latter part of the day Wind from N.W. to S.E. by the South at 12 Meridian Island S.W. 15 Miles Lat by Obs 22. 18 Long by Calc 151. 14

Sunday Nov 23rd

Fresh breeze from S.E. throughout the day at 4 PM went on Shore and got off a few Potatoes and Bananas at 5 returned on Board. Wrote off and on during the night at 5 AM sent in two Boats and in the course of the day procured 10 Bbls Yams & 8 Sweet Potatoes 50 Bunches Bananas 2 Boats Load of very good Wood and 1000 Coconuts & Pine Apples &c. &c. Lat This Island contains about 400 inhabitants scattered over different parts of the Island, the principal Village is on the N.E. side with a passage just wide enough for a Boat to row in between the Breakers after which you enter a sort of Basin with a small lagoon on a fine sand beach close by a beautiful stream of fresh water, all the above a Ship can procure with very little difficulty. Lat by Obs 22. 26 Long by Calc 151. 23

Monday Nov 24th

Wind from S.E. at 8 PM Left Island and made a Beaufort to N.E. at 10 PM. Tacked to the S.W. at daylight passed 15 Miles to the Weather of it now Breeze from N.W. in good earnest Strong Easterly Current all day Lat by Obs 23. 43 Long by Calc 151. 25

Tuesday Nov 25th

Light air from South. Latter part calm sent down Main top Gallant Sail and fore topmast staysail Lat by Obs 24. 17 Long by Calc 151. 50