

Remarks On Board the Ship *Wm. Witt* on her

Friday Dec 15th 1854

First part fresh breeze from E. N. E. with pleasant weather steering S. by E. employing ship's duties saw nothing Middle and latter part fine breeze with pleasant weather steering S. by E. saw nothing So ends this day got a Lunar Lat. by Obs. 9. 27 S Long by Chron 149. 34 W Long by Lunar 149. 23 W

Saturday Dec. 16th 1854

First part light breeze from E. N. E. and fine weather steering S. by E. saw nothing at 7 P.M. took in the light sail Caroline Is. a head dist. about 80 miles Middle and latter part fine breeze from E. N. E. and ~~the~~ squally weather stood on the E. on tack 4 hours and tacked back saw no land So ends this day Lat. by Obs. 10. 23 S Long by Chron 149. 33 W

Sunday Dec. 17th 1854

First part fresh breeze and squally steering S. by E. saw nothing Middle and latter parts wind and weather much the same steering S. by E. So ends this day Lat. by Obs. 12. 27 S Long by Chron 150. 09 W

Monday Dec. 18th 1854

First part fine breeze from E. N. E. with pleasant weather steering S. by E. Middle and latter parts no alteration in wind or weather steering S. by E. saw nothing So ends this day Lat. by Obs. 14. 05 S Long by Chron 150. 09 W

Tuesday Dec. 19th 1854

First part fine breeze from E. Middle and latter parts variable and calm saw nothing the watch employ in ship's duties as usual So ends this day Lat. by Obs. 14. 39 S Long by Chron 150. 26 W

Wednesday Dec. 20th 1854

First part light breeze and pleasant weather steering S. by E. saw nothing Middle part light breeze from N. N. W. steering S. by E. all said on latter part fine fresh breeze from N. W. and squally at 6 A.M. raised a school of Sperm Whales going quick to S. E. by S at 8 A.M. lower 3 after boats the latter boat went on and twice and missed both which makes the 4th whale he has missed come on board at 12 meridian in disgust Lat. by Obs. 15. 38 S Long by Chron 150. 00 W

passage toward from the Sandwich Islands Dec 1854

Thursday Dec. 21st 1854

First part strong breeze from N. N. W. could not see the Whales again at 4 P.M. steered S. by E. Middle part strong breeze from N. W. and thick rainy weather the ship lay to under 3 close R. topsails latter part wind and weather much the same plenty of rain steering S. by E. under short sail saw nothing So ends this day No Obs

Friday Dec. 22nd 1854

First part moderate breezes and squally rainy weather ship under short sail on different courses saw nothing Middle part laying by the weather thick latter part at 4 A.M. run off S. by E. for the wind N. N. W. at 10 A.M. raised Otakeite to S. W. keep off for it the weather rainy So ends this day No Obs

Saturday Dec. 23rd 1854

First part fine breeze from N. W. and some rain the land in sight at intervals at 2 P.M. spoke the Bark. D. M. Hall she had charge of the ship John Lamb of Boston having found her in distress and 6000 strokes per hour Capt. went on board for a few minutes Middle and latter parts light variable airs the ship working around the Island which is dist. about 6 or 8 miles the D.M. Hall and ship John Lamb in sight So ends this day Lat. by Obs. 17. 58 S Long by Chron 149. 49 W

Sunday Dec 24th 1854

First part at 1 P.M. took a fine breeze from S. by W. down tacks and worked along the land the Bark. Hall and John Lamb in company Middle and latter part fine breeze from N. N. W. and pleasant working to windward at 11 A.M. arrive off the town the Capt. went on shore So ends this day about 20 square rigged sail here the U.S. Ship Portsmouth Monday Dec. 25th 1854

First part fine breeze and pleasant ship lay off and on at 1 P.M. the Capt. came on board stood off shore by the wind the N. part of Tahiti bears E. by S. the S. part of Emeo W. and Tahiti City about S. S. E. Middle and latter parts fine breezes and pleasant weather the ship working to windward Tahiti and Emeo and Uahana in sight the ship Washington in sight So ends this day Lat. by Obs. No Obs

Character Bonabates

