

Ship Wm. Whit between the Sandwich

Monday Dec. 17th A.D. 1855

This day fine breeze from E. S. E. with hazy weather. Steered S. W. by S. the Maria Theresa and 6 ships in the Lagoon in sight the Florida out of sight ahead. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 23.00

Long. by Chron. 170.32 W.

Tuesday Dec. 18th

First part fine breeze from N. E. and overcast weather. Steered S. W. 3 ships sight. Middle and latter part strong wind from North. Raining squally weather. Steered S. W. the lightest sail in. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 25.01 S.

Long. by Chron. 166.51 W.

Wednesday Dec. 19th

All this day light wind and rainy weather. Steered S. W. all sail out. The watch employed in ship duties saw a sail to S. of us. So Ends this day.

No Obs.

Thursday Dec. 20th

This day light breeze and pleasant weather. Steered S. W. all sail out. The watch employed in ship duties saw nothing. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 25.28 S.

Long. by Chron. 169.42 W.

80 BBL Friday Dec. 21st

All this day fine breeze and smooth water. Steered S. W. by N. at 10 AM saw 2 sperm whales. They stayed down 65 minutes at 11 AM. Lower 4 boats to the last boat. They killed him and 2 boats chased the other whale could not get on. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 25.00 S.

Long. by Chron. 169.50 W.

Saturday Dec. 22nd

This day light breeze from E. and pleasant weather. At 3 PM got the whale to the ship and got all ready to cut at day light commenced cutting the whale a very good one. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 25.04 S.

Long. by Chron. 170.16 West

Sunday Dec. 23rd

First part light breeze and pleasant weather. At 6 PM got the whale all in got ready to boil. Latter part fresh breeze from N. E. and some overcast. The ship under short sail by the wind on both tacks at 1 PM. Started the works to boil. This ends the day.

Lat. by Obs. 25.00 S.

Long. by Chron. 170.22 W.

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Monday Dec. 24th A.D. 1855

This day light winds from N. E. and pleasant. The watch employed in boiling saw nothing at 1 PM. Hap off W. W. under short sail. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 25.24 S.

Long. by Chron. 170.32 W.

Tuesday Dec. 25th

This day fine breeze from E. and pleasant. Steered S. W. all sail out. Saw nothing at 1 PM. Finished boiling. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 25.50 S.

Long. by Chron. 171.03 W.

Wednesday Dec. 26th

This day light breeze & pleasant weather. Steered S. W. all sail out. The watch employed in ship duties saw nothing. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 26.00 S.

No Obs.

Thursday Dec. 27th

All this day fine breeze from S. E. & pleasant weather. Steered S. W. all sail out. The watch employed in ship duties coopered the oil. Bent a new main top sail which makes us all new top sails. Top sail, 1st top sail & main sail. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 26.12 S.

Long. by Chron. 171.05 W.

Friday Dec. 28th

This day fresh breeze from N. E. and pleasant weather. Steered S. W. all sail out at 7 AM. Commenced showing down aft of the fore hatch way at 12 AM. Finished the whale showing 80 BBL. 9.16.50. Thus Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 26.16 S.

Long. by Chron. 175.40 W.

Saturday Dec. 29th

All this day strong breeze from S. E. and pleasant. Steered S. W. by N. all sail out. Saw nothing. The watch employed in ship duties. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 27.12 S.

Long. by Chron. 176.35 W.

Saturday Dec. 30th

This day light breeze from S. E. and pleasant. Steered S. W. by N. all sail out. Saw nothing. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 28.12 S.

Long. by Chron. 184.00 W.

Monday Dec. 31st

This day light wind from S. E. and pleasant weather. Steered S. W. all sail out. Latter part fresh breeze at 11 AM. Saw a very large school of sperm whales at 1 PM. Lowered 4 boats. So Ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 27.27 S.