

Ship's Journal Cruising

Friday the 19th Jan 1849
light S trade shifted to the SW
for Tracy Island Lat 11

Saturday the 20th the
light S trade made part the
land S and backing at 6th m
luffed too on the S back at 12
went to the S W at daylight
put off S S to Lat 12 S 177.07

Sunday the 21st the
wind & waves backing S W
at 6 P.M. luffed too on the
S back at 12 went to the Eastward
at 1st A.M. put men off S W
at 6 made Tracy Island
bearing W by N Dist 15 miles
the Alpha in company at 12
to the Island bearing
S W Dist 3 miles (true) Lat 12 S Long 178.44

Monday the 22nd
a baffling wind & squally at 12 m R
the Island bearing N W Dist 2
miles at 1 P.M. 1 canoe with 5
natives came on board they appeared
to be very friendly no young
and child was a great curiosity
to them they kissed their hands
by putting their noses to its face &
arms one then lifted its coat and
inquired if it was a woman at 3 more
canoes came on board with coconuts
which the crew soon purchased with
pigs & tobacco & iron hoop bands
at 6 they returned on shore the same
evening at 8 miles we stood off
the land & back to the S S at 3
A.M. went to the S W at 4 A.M. wind

Use of the Line

Monday Jan the 21st 1849
hooked us off to the westward and having
a S E current we could not fetch
the Island again at 8 A.M. it
cleared off we then saw the Island
to windward bearing S Dist 17 miles
at the same time I made 15 points
Island bearing S W Dist 18 miles
we squared away for it at 12 the
S E point bearing W Dist 3 miles
Lat 12 S 178.57 Long 178.56
Long of the Island 178.28

Tuesday the 22nd
cloudy with some rain standing
along the S side of the Island
but saw nothing that indicated
its being inhabited until 4 P.M.
we then saw 4 canoes put off from
the S W point of Island, at 4 P.M. we
hauled in shore for them at 5
3 canoes came on board of us & 1 to
the other ship, the natives was
friendly, they had coconuts & mats
which they wanted for me
said they had a plenty of Hog's
manure which they would trade
for Kites made of iron hoops & fillet
at 6 they left us and returned to
shore at 8 the S E
point bearing S E by S Dist 10 miles
the S W point bearing S W Dist
3 miles at 7 the wind hauled
from the S W the S E and blew
strong & rained hard steering
W. at 3 A.M. luffed to the wind W S W

