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Monday fair weather and light breezes ~~nothing~~ in sight this day
 Tuesday fair weather and light breezes in the afternoon raised a school of sperm whales and lowered the boats and all three boats fastened to a whale arce and killed them and brought them alongside and spotted sail to was 10 o'clock before we got all three whales to the ship and made fast
 Wednesday wet weather and calm began to rain at 11 o'clock and got all of them cut in by 11 o'clock it rained hard all day and towards night a breeze sprang up and we started the ~~trip~~ towards Friday fair weather and strong breezes trying out ship under double reef main top sail and fore sail nothing in sight this day
 Saturday fair weather and fresh breezes trying out ship under double reef topsails finished trying out about 5 o'clock in the afternoon nothing in sight this day
 Sunday fair weather and strong breezes nothing in sight this day
 Monday fair weather and fresh breezes nothing in sight this day
 Tuesday fair weather and strong breezes nothing in sight this day
 Wednesday fair weather and strong breezes in the afternoon it blew half a gale of wind ship under double reef topsails nothing in sight this day
 Thursday fair weather and light breezes began to stow down the oil west here on deck stowed it all down about 60 barrels making 550 bars altogether nothing in sight this day
 Friday cloudy weather and light breezes broke out the four casks of oil and covered it and stowed it lower again at sail in sight on our weather bow but nothing else
 Saturday fair weather and light breezes land in sight and running for it made it about 12 o'clock and the natives came off in their canoes to trade or coconuts for ~~the~~ the island is called Ocean island there is 5 or 6 canoes running about two sail in sight

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18th Sunday fair weather and fresh breezes two sail in sight on the line the morning but one was out of sight before noon Ocean island was in sight in the morning last sight of it about 1 o'clock the other sail in sight to leeward
 19th Monday fair weather and fresh breezes nothing in sight this day
 20th Tuesday calm weather and cloudy nothing in sight this day
 21st Wednesday fair weather and strong breezes of finbacks in sight in the forenoon nothing else in sight
 22d Thursday fair weather and fresh breezes nothing in sight this day
 23rd Friday fair weather and light breezes nothing in sight this day except finbacks
 24th Saturday fair weather and light breezes nothing in sight this day except a finback or two
 25th Sunday fair weather and light breezes nothing in sight this day except a finback or two
 26th Monday fair weather and calm with light breeze towards night sent down the mainsail and mended it nothing in sight except finbacks
 27th Tuesday fair weather and fresh breezes nothing in sight this day
 28th Wednesday cloudy with squalls of rain nothing in sight this day
 29th Thursday cloudy with squalls of rain nothing in sight this day
 Monday Friday cloudy and squally nothing in sight
 2d Saturday cloudy and wet weather nothing in sight
 3d Sunday cloudy with some rain calm weather nothing in sight except a school of blackfish and porpoises we did not lower for them
 4th Monday fair weather and fresh breezes raised land about 12 o'clock a.m. and stood by one or the two islands before night 12 o'clock p.m. Halls island on our weather beam about 1 o'clock a.m. felt the vessel strike on the bottom and on looking over the side saw the bottom she rubbed two or three times but as we were ship we soon got in deep water again Halls island was about 7 or 8 miles distant to windward at the time she touched bottom
 5th Tuesday cloudy weather and fresh breezes Simpson's Gilberts and Halls islands in sight we are beating up towards them at 1 o'clock p.m. the natives came off from Gilberts island in their canoes with coconuts to trade for ~~the~~ natives nothing in sight