

Journal at Sea 1844 N. Pacific

July 23 Tuesday morning fair and pleasant with light breezes from the N.W. steering on the wind we are busy trying out at 4 past 9 am we raised a school of sperm whales and we lowered down the boats and the starboard boat got first and the whale stove the boat and the other boats soon killed him whilst Mr. Jells came on board we got the whale along side at 4 past one. Then we went to work and cut off the head and then in the forenoon and some blubber and then we got supper and set the watch. Latitude 31-24 Longitude 173-50

July 24 Wednesday morning calm and very warm we are busy employed trying out one went to work and cut in the blubber and we left the head till to morning in the afternoon we finished cutting in the and then went to work breaking out for coals till sun down and then got supper and set the watch

July 25 Thursday morning fair and pleasant with light breezes from the N.W. trying to make short sail busy trying out we have in the junk and bailed out the case the two whales will turn out 140 Barrels

July 26 Friday morning calm and pleasant with all hands busy cutting up the junk and trying it out in the afternoon we finished trying out the two whales will show down about 130 Barrels

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July 27 Saturday morning fair and pleasant with light breezes from the N.W. steering 6 by 8 in the afternoon we saw plenty of pumpos and porpoises at sun down we shortened sail and were ship standing to the westward with fine weather Latitude 31-28 Longitude 174-00

July 28 Sunday morning fair pleasant with light breezes from the Northward steering S.W. by N in the afternoon the weather still the same at sun down we shortened sail

July 29 Monday morning fair and pleasant with light breezes from the Southward steering S. by E all hands are busy employed breaking out and storing down the oil we stowed down 72 Barrels

July 30 Tuesday morning fair and pleasant with light breezes from the Southward steering on the wind all busy stowing down the oil in the afternoon we finished stowing down the oil we stowed down 84 Barrels

July 31 Wednesday morning fair and pleasant with light breezes from the N.W. steering on the wind we are busy stowing down some water and the Captain selling some soap and then finished stowing and washed the decks in the afternoon the weather fine and pleasant Latitude 31-12 N. Longitude 174-15 E

July 1st 1844 Thursday morning fair and pleasant with light breezes from the Eastward steering on the the Carpenter is busy mending the boat that got stove by a whale in the afternoon the weather fine and pleasant Latitude 31-27 N.