

Journal of a Whaling Voyage kept on board

Tuesday February 1st 1843

Fresh gales from the ENE cruising under easy sail nothing in sight broke out for Beef Pork Bread and corn Lat 33:44 Long 171:37 East

Wednesday February 2nd

The first part of Christ 24 hours light winds from the Eastward and foggy at 6 A.M. lowered 3 boats for blackfish the boat boat fastened and drew the waist fastened and saved took him along side and hoisted him up at 9¹/₂ lowered again but got nothing. Later part fresh gales from the southward at 5¹/₂ here to under double reefed main topsail Lat by 33:23 S Long 171:20 East

Thursday February 3rd

Fresh gales from the Southward cruising under easy sail nothing in sight Lat by 33:23 S Long by Chron 171:41

Friday February 4th

Fresh gales from the Southward steering by the compass until 9 A.M. when we kept her off N E by S Lat 32:55 S Long 173 20

Saturday February 5th

Light winds from the Eastward steering by the wind Boiled out our Blackfish to day Lat 32 56 Long 173 55

Sunday February 6th

Light winds from the Eastward steering by the wind

Ship Sharon of Fair Haven cruising for Whales

Monday February 7th 1843

Light winds from the ENE steering by the wind to the Southward at 6 P.M. raised Sperm Whales at 6¹/₂ lowered the Bow boat and struck and then lowered the Starboard and waist turned him up and took along side at 12 at night Lat by Chron 32:40 Long by Chron 174 12

Tuesday February 8th

Light winds from the ESE steering by the wind called all hands at daylight and cut in our Whales and commenced bailing out

Wednesday February 9th

Fresh gales from the Eastward steering by the wind At 7 A.M. finished bailing out our Whales at 3¹/₂ A.M. Saw the North Cape of New Zealand Saw nothing [On this day B.C. began a long letter to his father Asa Clough. This letter is printed in Nineteenth Century Letters, Scribner, 1917.]

Thursday February 10th

Fresh gales from the Eastward steering by the wind until daylight when we kept her off West Saw the North Cape and 3 Kings at 4 P.M. spoke the London Packet of Fair Haven 39 months out 2200 lbs of Sperm Oil

Friday February 11th

Fresh gales from the Eastward flying too under double reefed main topsail and fore sail the London Packet in sight and also the 3 Kings