

Towards New Zealand 1844

Wednesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>  
First and middle part of this 24  
Hours strong gales from the Westward  
Latter part more moderate winds  
from the N.W. with squalls of rain  
steering to the Eastward saw  
No Whales this Day one Ship in  
Sight So Ends this Day  
Lat 48° 28' South  
Lon by Chron 156° 36' East

Thursday Jan 18<sup>th</sup>  
First part of this Day light winds  
from the N.W. with a heavy sea on  
Lat Meriden spoke the ship and  
of a harbor with three Whales Capt  
came on board steering of to the  
Eastward in company with the  
Anna middle part winds from  
the Northward latter part winds  
S.W. and thick weather with fine  
rain So Ends this Day no Whales  
Lat 48° 40' in sight

Friday Jan 19<sup>th</sup>  
First part of this Day strong gales  
from the N.W. middle part  
the same latter part heavy gales  
from the North with rain running  
under short sail saw nothing  
this Day So Ends Lat 49° 38'  
Lon by Chr 163° 55' East

Saturday Jan 20<sup>th</sup>  
First and middle parts of this  
Day heavy gales from the North  
with thick and Rainey weather  
laying too at 8 P.M. took in  
the fore sail at heavy sea at going  
latter part winds N.W. at 4 P.M.  
kept of N.E. blowing heavy under  
double reefed topsails at 10 P.M.  
saw two white Whales lowered fore  
them and got fast to one So Ends  
this Day Lon by Chr 165° 12'

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Sunday Jan 21<sup>st</sup>  
First part of this Day strong winds  
from the Westward and a bad sea  
the boats came on board  
Caving out from the Whales being  
too buff to Doo any thing but to  
bail water as fast as it came over  
the boats middle part squalls of rain  
and rough weather laying by latter  
part strong gales with rain at 5 P.M.  
kept of to the Eastward under double  
reefed topsails So Ends this Day  
Lat 49° 40' South

Monday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>  
First part of this Day strong gales from  
the Westward steering to the S.W. middle  
part strong gales from the N.W.  
and thick Rainey weather latter  
part the same steering N.E. saw  
one fin back Whale So Ends this  
Day Lat 49° 05'  
Lon by Chron 170° 45' East

Tuesday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>  
First part of this Day strong gales from  
the S.W. steering N.E. middle part more  
moderate latter part light winds  
and cloudy weather winds S.W. steering  
N.E. saw one fin back Whale So  
Ends this Day Lat 47° 26'  
Lon by Chron 172° 59' East

Wednesday Jan 24<sup>th</sup>  
First and middle parts of this Day  
light winds from the Southward  
steering N.E. latter part light  
winds from the N.W. and  
pleasant weather saw several fin  
back Whales but no white Whales  
So Ends this Day  
Lat 46° 26' South  
Lon by Chr 174° 01' East