

Ship: Abraham, Barker & Son, Barker the Master

Saturday 1853

Jan 10th Commenced with squally weather and rain with variable winds three sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts the same at 5 AM saw the Island of Rotonga Bearing E. Lat 21° 00' Long 160° 00'

Sunday

Jan 11th Commenced with squally weather and rain in the morning of and on Rotonga three sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts the same.

Monday

Jan 12th Commenced with fresh breezes from the ship lying off and on Rotonga three sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts fresh gales from the Captain ashore.

Tuesday

Jan 13th Commenced with fresh gales from the ship with squalls and rain. The ship lying off and on Rotonga the Captain ashore. Middle part the same Latter part fresh gales from the ship.

Wednesday

Jan 14th Commenced with strong winds from the ship working up to the Land three sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts fresh breezes from the ship at 11 AM the Captain came off and steered.

Thursday

Jan 15th Commenced with fresh breezes from the ship steering three sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts the same Lat 23° 00' Long 160° 00'

Friday

Jan 16th Commenced with fresh breezes from the ship steering with squally weather and rain one sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts the same Lat 24° 00' Long 160° 00'

Homeward Bound

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Jan 17th Commenced with fresh breezes from the ship steering Middle and Latter parts the same Lat 26° 00' Long 160° 00'

Sunday

Jan 18th Commenced with fine breezes from the ship steering Middle and Latter parts fresh gales from the ship with a heavy swell from the East Lat 27° 00' Long 160° 00'

Monday

Jan 19th Commenced with fresh breezes from the ship steering Middle and Latter parts more moderate Lat 27° 00' Long 160° 00'

Tuesday

Jan 20th Commenced with light breezes from the ship at 12 M saw a school of sperm whales at 4 PM the Waist Boat struck and saved one. Middle and Latter parts strong winds and rain.

Wednesday

Jan 21st Commenced with fresh breezes from the ship with rain Employed Employed Cutting the whale.

Thursday

Jan 22nd Commenced with light winds from the ship finished Cutting the whale Commenced Boiling.

Friday

Jan 23rd Commenced with light breezes from the ship steering Middle and Latter parts light winds from the ship Lat 28° 00' Long 160° 00'

Saturday

Jan 24th Commenced with fine breezes from the ship steering Middle and Latter parts the same Lat 29° 00' Long 160° 00'