

17<sup>th</sup> August 1864 Wednesday

Long<sup>de</sup> 126.20 E. Lat<sup>de</sup> 47.36 S.

A beautiful day, quite calm.

Saw some bottle nosed whales within about 100 yds of the ship. Donald Cameron shot 3 cape hens and a mullinork.

The Captain would have lowered a boat ~~but~~ only that the sky looked too much like a breeze, and we did not know the moment it might spring up. 7 P.M. going about 3 knots. Wind W. Course S.E. by E.

18<sup>th</sup> August 1864 Thursday

Long<sup>de</sup> 128.30 E. Lat<sup>de</sup> 47.50 S.

Day very fine, wind N. Keeping our course going 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  knots. We are going to have a supper entertainment in the biddy on Saturday for all hands. To commence at 7 P.M. and end at 11. Great preparations. Black sheep skin wigs long tail coats red and white trousers large collars, white eat and water tins.

19<sup>th</sup> August 1864 Friday

Long<sup>de</sup> 134.6 E. Lat<sup>de</sup> 48.50 S.

Day fine, keeping our course, going 8 knots. Showers in the evening. Spent most of the day preparing for our supper entertainment.