

Ship *Cumbria* While Cruising in the Arctic Ocean 1850

Sunday July 17th Commenced with a moderate breeze from the S.E. with pleasant weather at 9 P.M. the wind increased to the N.E. at 5 the wind light and a fog shot down and continued the remainder part of the 24 hours so could employ no day.

Monday July 18th Commenced with a calm & fog at 8 P.M. the fog lit a little saw 2 or 3 Ships at 11 finished boiling middle part light air and calm fog would light up by spells so as to see 4 or 5 miles latter part a thick fog half part 11 found our selves with in half of the Ship *Caravan* of 500 tons he was employed cutting a whale. Cooper employed repairing cash pence with thick fog.

Tuesday July 19th Commenced with light air from the North with a thick fog clearing S.E. at 9 P.M. bent our chain to the *Reg* Anchor and let it go gave the Ship about 35 fathoms of chain we had 24 fathoms of water at 1 P.M. the weather cleared off of ice at 2 took the Anchor and made sail stood in towards the land that was in sight bearing to the South latter part employed stowing down ~~the~~ so ends.

Wednesday July 20th All these 24 hours light air and calm with pleasant weather working to the S.E. quite a number of Ships in sight latter part East look in sight bearing S.E. Cooper employed repairing cash so ends. Lat by Obs. 66.45 North.

Thursday July 21st All these 24 hours moderate breeze and fair weather latter part saw 1 *Dark* take a whale a number of Ships in sight seen in Lat by Obs. 66.46 North.

Friday July 22nd Commenced with brisk wind from the S.E. with fair weather at 5 P.M. reefed the top sails middle part man moderate made all sail half part 3 A.M. lowered the boats for a whale but saw nothing more of him at 8 lowered for another he was going very quick to the South at 10 boats returned with out success split the skow 3 P.M. sail on but it repaired it and kept it again so ends Lat by Obs. 66.38

Saturday July 23rd Commenced with a moderate breeze from the S.E. at 4 P.M. the fog shot down thick and lasted all the middle part about 8 it cleared up a little so as to see a few miles at 11 it shot in thick as ever so ends.

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Sunday July 24th Commenced with a brisk wind from the S.E. with a thick fog stood in shore until 6 half part 5 P.M. the fog wore thick off shore middle part the fog so thick not able to see twice the Ships length at 6 P.M. the fog lit so as to see 4 or 5 miles saw 2 Ships of war at 7 the fog shot down again lasted the remainder part of these 24 hours standing in shore with a moderate breeze with reef top sails so ends.

Monday July 25th All these 24 hours a thick fog the greater part of the time not able to see twice the Ships length standing off and on under short sail so ends.

Tuesday July 26th Commenced with brisk wind from the S.E. with fog middle part spells of fog at 4 A.M. spoke the Ship *Margaret Scott* 1 light whale & 2 Polar Whales this season light *Lucy* came on board stopped a spell but the fog shot down in thick he went on board half part 11 the fog cleared off saw the *Paratoga* at anchor cutting a whale made sail for her so ends.

Wednesday July 27th Commenced with moderate breeze and some fog about 1 P.M. Brother *Ephraim* lowered his boat down & came to middle and latter part spells of fog saw the *Paratoga* occasionally at 9 A.M. I took my boat and crew and went on board of her and stayed until 6 P.M. night then saw Whales & lowered for them at half part 11 at night I returned to our own Ship likewise Brother *Ephraim* his boat and his boats crew went on board the *Paratoga* at 7 A.M. we spoke the *Gratitude* nothing pence we last spoke her latter part light air and calm 2 or 30 Ships in sight so ends.

During the time we was on board the *Paratoga* we spoke the *Californica* 13 Whales this season and yesterday spoke the *Good Hope* of N Bedford full bound out the sea but letters on board of her.

Thursday July 28th Commenced with brisk wind from the South and raining at 4 it moderate saw Whales shot in with the band lowered our boats and chased until half part 11 then returned with out success middle and latter part light air and calm with thick weather at 12 saw one whale shot to the Ship.