

## Ship Cambria While Cruising in the Arctic Ocean 1858

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a light air and thick weather middle part moderate breezes at 5 A.M. sent one boat off for Whales at 7 she returned without success latter part moderate breezes from the North with fair weather employed boiling & sitting up Pipe Hooks. So ends. Lat by Obs. 68° 57'

Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> Commenced with moderate breezes and fair weather half past 12 lowered 3 boats for Whales at 5 they returned without success at 6 finished boiling middle part about calm latter part a moderate breeze from the E. with fine pleasant weather at half past 10 lowered 3 boats for Whales struck one in about an hour & half the short work parties and lost 3 men & 2 seals.

Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a brisk wind & pleasant weather at 1 P.M. the boat returned without success at 5 P.M. put 2 reefs in the top sail at 10 took in the J.B. & fore top sail towards morning it moderated again at 11 then latter part about calm saw one Polar Whale going quickly sent one boat off for him she returned in about an hour without success employed standing down 6 seals. No Observations.

Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a moderate breeze from the N.W. in the night increased to a storm & then luffed to the S.W. saw a Bark steering S.E. with 3 flags flying fore & aft supposed her to be full bound off at 4 kept off S.E. turned so until 10 then luffed to the wind middle part moderate latter part the same saw 3 Whales chased them while they were in sight. So ends.

Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> Commenced with light air and calm until about 4 then took a brisk wind from the South chased Whales without success until 6 P.M. then took up the boats took in the light sail bent over New J.B. middle part the wind increased to a gale shortened sail latter part moderate gale from the South lost reef fore & main top sail at 10 ends.

Lat by Obs. 68° 42' North.

Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> Commenced with the tail end of a gale at 4 P.M. lowered for Whales chased until 7 without success middle part about calm latter part a fine breeze from the North at 8 lowered for Whales about 12 the fog shot in thick so as not to see half a mile struck a Whale just as we lost sight of the Ship. So ends.

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Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> Commenced with a moderate breeze from the Eastward with a thick fog at half past 12 I returned to the Ship left one boat the West part to a Whale and the West in pursuit of him. Cleared away our big gun & fired a number of times about 2 the fog cleared saw the boat still fast to the Whale and the other boat 4 or 5 miles from her started with my boat for the part after chasing 2 or 3 hours got up with the boat and got in to her this I should think was about 5 the Whale

was spouting & char chased on to the line and killed along side of the Whale and killed him or got him spouting blood that had or to have been some long and long ago about this time the soon come out whale started off by the ship making a signal and calling us in the wrong direction we lost the run of the Whale at 7 took up the boat and took in the light sail middle and latter part very strong wind latter part boats of Whaling. So ends. Lat by Obs. 68° 31' Long 123° 39'

Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> Commenced with very strong breezes about 8 P.M. lowered for Whales struck one shortly got the boat stove board the iron and lost the Whale took the boat in put her over board with the Carpenter at work on her middle part brisk wind at 4 A.M. called all hands and lowered the 3 boats for Whales at 7 they returned without success latter part more moderate with some fog at 12 luffed too for Whales a plenty of them in sight. So ends. No Observation.

Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a moderate breeze from the N.W. with cloudy weather about 12 lowered the 3 boats for Whales struck one in about half an hour turned him up and he sunk to the bottom but we soon hauled him up about half past 2 took him to the Ship quarter past 3 wore Ship and commenced cutting half past 7 finished kept the Ship E.S.E. and made all fast and god grant we may have a quick passage to the Sandwich Islands and from that to our dear native Land. middle part moderate breezes from the N.W. employed clearing away the head & latter part at 6 A.M. commenced boiling latter part a moderate breeze from N.W. with cloudy weather. So ends. No Observation.

