

On board Ship Governor, Capt. E. R. Ashley.

Arctic Sea, cruising for Whales, Geo. I. Bownan.

Friday June 17th/64

Two twenty four hours commenced with a light breeze from the S.W. and thick fog at 10 A.M. the fog let up some. saw six seals, ship under close reefed. at 2 P.M. red the reef out of the mainsail & set the No. 3 sail steering to the N.W. at 3 P.M. came up to the ice. were ship and stood over thick fog. middle and latter part much like the ice. at 4 P.M. the fog let up saw two seals.

Latitude 63° 50' N Longitude 116° 46' W

Saturday June 18th/64

Two twenty four hours commenced moderate from the S.W. to the ice. at 2 P.M. gained with the Ship Eliza Adams & Hector. middle part thick fog. at 6 P.M. came up. latter part steering to the N.W. through the ice. saw six in sight. Latitude 64° 10' N Longitude 117° 15' W

Sunday June 19th/64

Two twenty four hours commenced with a light breeze from the S.W. steering to the N.W. through the ice in company with the Eliza Adams & Hector and the Mito. a few miles ahead. at 4 P.M. gained with the Hector & Eliza Adams. at about 9 P.M. raised land (Cape Behring) about 9 P.M. got through the ice. middle and latter part light heading in towards the land. the Mito, chasing a whale broke a bowhead. latter part thick fog.

Monday June 20th/64

commenced light from the S.W. all sail set heading to the N.W. at 5 P.M. were ship heading to the N.W. middle part calm and thick fog. at 8 P.M. the fog let up. were ship and stood in shore. about 9 P.M. raised a V Bowhead toward the N.W. started boat and ship but not rising. latter part light from the N.W. at 11 P.M. several Native boats came along side. they having a little to sail to. they seemed more than it was worth. Lat 64° 25' N Longitude 117° 30' W

Tuesday June 21st/64

commenced from the S.W. steering to the N.W. during the day part a number of the Native boats came along side. middle part calm. latter part light from the S.W. heading to the N.W. at 12 Midnight the Mito left the ship. after a while and 6 or 7 o'clock was they caught him. all making a great noise with their harpoons and shaking their canoes. they soon caught him. most of the canoes which came along side of us. had had several Ladies (if you at a mind to call them) which came to a licentious (pleasure) purpose. Latitude 64° 34' N Longitude 117° 50' W