

Cruising in the Anadip Sea Plover Bay 25

Tuesday June 20th/65

commenced with a light breeze. about 7 A.M. raised a dead whale took him along side and cut him in. he was a hard old skinker. he saved his bone. landed him on deck cut him up and put him in the tanks set the water at 10.35 P.M.

Wednesday June 21st

commenced with a light breeze. the weather was clear. I ever saw. and as black as you wish to see it. several ships in sight. all in sight of Cape Thering

Thursday June 22nd/65

commenced moderate all sail set on the wind. commenced steering down at 4.30 gained with the ship. Florida 20th whale. the Mercury boiling her third whale. saw the Niagara boiling her third whale. had struck ten & lost 4. at 9 P.M. Cape Thering. but about 15 to 18 miles distant by estimation

Friday June 23rd/65

commenced moderate under easy sail up to the Cape Thering. during the fore noon region and turned the ship out of the fore & main. left sail during the middle part thick fog. by the wind heading to the S.E. wind from the E. at 4.00 working to the S.E. Ed. latter part thick fog and light air. during the afternoon saw the bow of the la beam

Saturday June 24

commenced with a light air from the S.E. under easy sail. working to the S.E. at 1 A.M. the fog let up a little. saw a bark to the windward bearing heavy about S.E. from us. at 10.00 the starboard cable got the anchor ready to go in a short notice. This morning I had the rails in night mare & repelling the cimelins to me. I appeared to be awake and knew I was to sleep or find out myself not and I do not think I breathe. after a while got so I could breathe. but it was a long time before I could move. At 1.00 I was in bed and at last got up and turned over. during the sensation which I thought I was sleeping. and two or three of these spells often but generally know before I go to bed. I am going to have them

Shanidore burning the Whaling fleet. 2nd left for parts

Saturday June 24th/65

middle part much like the fore part. at 6.00 the fog let up. raised the land and run for it. saw a number of ships boiling. at 8 spoke the Brig Victoria. latter part clear and pleasant. at 6.30 spoke the Brig W. C. Talbot (supposed to be a raider)

Sunday June 25th/65

commenced fine steering about E.S. a number of sails in sight. about 10 A.M. saw the Bark Minerva with Ensign half mast and firing guns. at 2 P.M. saw the sails with colors half mast. past Plover. at about the same time natives was on board during the fore noon at 6 the Minerva lowered a boat and the Capt. came on board. and informed us of the burning of the ships by the so called confederate ship Shanidore during latter part. deered to the S.E. thinking that the Shanidore was to the southward. the Minerva and several more stored of to the S.E. We heard of the ship Shanidore burning fine & bonding two (the Wild & Sophia Thornton)

Lat 64.10 N Long 173.22 W

Monday June 26th/65

commenced fine. steering to the S.E. all sail set. wind from the N.E. at 1.00 raised a ship on fire of the North end of St. Lawrence Island. supposed to be on fire by the pirates. stood stood within six miles of her. then ran down and spoke the Bark Richmond. the R. having sent two boats up the burning ship. not knowing she had been burnt by a confederate vessel. stored of to the S.E. following the ice along. at 5 P.M. gained with the Minerva. latter part heading along to the E. during the afternoon. though no more ships in. to the S.E. of the Island

Tuesday June 27

commenced fine. all sail set following along the ice. raising with the island. one sail in sight. This forenoon I packed up my clove bag full of clove so as to be ready for a dark night. latter part much like the fore. past Minerva about four miles astern. steering the same as ourselves. along the edge of the ice. so ends there twenty four hours

Lat 63.55

Long 172.48 W.