

A. E. of "Herald Island. Arctic Ocean August 1866

Wednesday August 8th 1866
Commenced moderate from the N. thick fog most of the forenoon with the Europa two whales. L. dia & George. latter part more fog the fore part

Lat 70° 00' N Long 174° 48' W

Thursday August 9th 1866
Commenced moderate & continued so through the day. Ship up to the ice. Saw a few whales to do but very shy.

Friday August 10th 1866

Commenced light & continued so through the day. gale with several ships. Mary, Florida and John P. West. middle part running to the Eastward. at 4 PM. two whales. all the whales working to the N. E. & S. E. saw the Cape Cod. 27 sail in sight.

Saturday August 11th 1866

Commenced light. middle & latter part moderate breeze. employed chasing whales most all day. With the Bark Melvin three whales. saw both got a strike. Whales very shy. Lat 70° 45' N Long 171° 37' W

Sunday August 12th 1866

Commenced quite dark from the N. working to the N. along the ice. 28 sail in sight. two boiling. latter part thick fog. had a great part of the Bark Massachusetts struck a whale to do but pushed from him.

Lat 70° 40' N Long 170° 39' W

Monday August 13th 1866

Commenced light & can see but a short distance. saw the Beinkle star in south at 6 AM. (9th whale). latter part thick fog.

Lat 70° 40' N Long 170° 07' W

Tuesday August 14th 1866

Commenced light & continued so all day. at night gale with the St. George & Champion. at 10 PM. Capt. Holly of the Saghead came along side. & whales moved from the N. E.

Lat 70° 54' N Long 171° 41' W

Wednesday August 15th 1866

Commenced light. saw the Cadmus. middle & latter part fog. & thick fog. middle part from the N. E. latter part from the Westward. & came with ship company.

Thursday August 16th 1866

Commenced moderate with snow. at 4 AM. heard all four boats after a whale. going quick to windward at 5 PM. gale with the Nile two whales this morning. sent three letters to the ship for dinner.

Friday August 17th 1866

Commenced moderate from the N. all sail set. working to the N. E. saw the two boats calling to the Minerva & Fanny. We have not seen a shore to day.

Lat 70° 33' N

Saturday August 18th 1866

Long 170° 27' W

Commenced very light & continued so all day. employed most of day chasing whales. saw the Addison take her first whale to day the St. George take her second whale. Ten sail in sight boiling. How I wish I was at home to night. I am so homesick.

Long 16° 9' 25"

Sunday August 19th 1866

Commenced light & thick & continued so most of the day. sunset with the Gay Head. Six whales.

Monday August 20th 1866

Commenced moderate. at 11 AM. raised a whale. W. Boat struck & gale the barboard boat killed him. took him along side and commenced to cut at 3 PM. finished at 1. started the works at 11. L. all part fish. under double reef topsails. a number of ships in sight. mostly boiling. the Southern Light to cut a whale to day.

Tuesday August 21st 1866

Commenced fog. under easy sail. middle latter part thick. during the fore part saw five and four of them boiling. employed boiling.

Wednesday August 22nd 1866

Commenced moderate. with a heavy swell. & at 3 PM. rough employed boiling latter part gale with the Oliver Crocker and Bark Florida Capt. Williams. under short sail. Lat 71° 05' N

Long 169° 23' W

Thursday August 23rd 1866

Commenced light from the S. can see steering down. finished boiling about 12 PM. steering at 6. one sail in sight. at 4 PM. saw a whale one rising.

Friday August 24th 1866

Commenced light & continued so all through the forenoon. thick fog most of the time covered over during the day. was on board of the Bark Minerva a short time working to the S. E. in the fore part. Lat 71° 30' N Long 165° 37' W

Saturday August 25th 1866

Commenced with a light air from the N. E. at 11 AM. going around here. saw whales at 4 PM. loaded all four boats. but no can catch. Capt. Fisher of the Lagoda came on board & got his letter. I had the for T. D. Weeks. Capt. Clough of the ship Southern Light came & spent the evening. Lagoda 11 whales.

Sunday August 26th 1866

Commenced light. thick fog all the fore & middle part. during the evening gale with the Daniel Wood. latter part clear.

Long 166° 07'

Monday August 27th 1866

Commenced with a moderate breeze from the Westward steering to the S. E. saw two whales to day going to the N. E. & came with the Camille three whales.

Long 71° 00' N

Tuesday August 28th 1866

Commenced moderate. steering to S. E. at 11 AM. saw at 1 to the S. E. latter part saw a number of them boiling. having got a cut for day ago.