

Ship Charles Dren on the N.W. Coast

Wednesday July 19th 1840

First part light and calm some fog saw a small whale struck & took him alongside mid much the same latter light breeze from E. & fine weather cut the whale



Thursday July 20th

Light breeze from the N.E. & fine weather I chased a whale but all to no purpose mid as latter light breeze from the N. steering to the W. saw many finches (opened all flour)



Friday July 21st

Light breeze N.W. & pleasant so I hunted & finched mid much the same latter calm started the work (No Obs)

Saturday July 22nd

Light and calm many finches in sight mid & latter light breeze from the S. steering N.W. (No Obs)

Sunday July 23rd

Light winds from S.E. & cloudy steering at plenty fine & bright in sight mid & latter much the same upon ship Edward of N.B. 2 whs from Washington of Copenhagen for Bark Eugene of Stirling 9 whs



Monday July 23rd

Came in with a light breeze from the N. & fine weather steering to the W. on the N. the above named ship mid unaware short sail latter fine breeze from the E. & some rain saw the E. strike & sink a whale (land in sight)

Mount St. Elias N.W.E.

Tuesday July 24th

Fresh breeze from the E. at 7 P.M. several whales in sight could not get fast saw the Geo. W. take a small whale mid & latter some rain took a whale alongside & com'd cutting



Wednesday July 25th

Came in with a smaller breeze from the E. & squally finched cutting at 7 put off for whales several in sight but did not get fast 3 ships in sight mid as latter fresh gales & squally of rain saw many whales going quick to the N.E. could not catch them all (No Obs)

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Thursday July 26th 1840

First part light and calm saw several whales going to quick to lower at sunset Hoysed pots bearing of N.W. Mount St. Elias N.E. 2 ships in sight mid much the same latter light winds from the W. & pleasant squally of fog saw & chased several whales going quick to E. (No Obs) Two ships in sight

Friday July 27th

First part moderate breeze from the W. & thick fog steering E by S at 3 fog lifted & plenty whales in sight put off at 4 got one fast in sight mid fine weather latter fresh gales from the W. & fine weather cut the whale (Lat 58 41) saw several whales



Saturday July 28th

Fresh gales W. & pleasant stored 90 bbl oil in the fore hold mid boiling latter as wind S.W. opened bbl flour & pork

Sunday July 29th

Moderate breeze S.W. & pleasant saw many whales did not get fast mid & latter light and cloudy stored 50 bbl in the fore hold (started all the shoof heads) (No Obs)

Monday July 30th

First part light and calm boiling mid as latter some rain chased several whales all going quick to the E. (Lat 59 9 14 29)

Tuesday Aug 1st

Light breeze from the W. & fine weather put off for a whale & missed him mid & latter much the same steering E by N. at 3 A.M. finished boiling watch employed scraping bar

Wednesday Aug 2nd

Came in with light winds from the W. & fine weather saw many whales going to the E. struck two away from one another the other alongside mid mid cut to the S.E. latter mid the same & having cut the whale but lost the head flying whale in sight (suggested to lower) (No Obs)



Thursday Aug 3rd

Fresh gales from the E. some rain & squally stored 90 bbl oil in the fore hold mid & latter much the same chased plenty whales could not get fast started bbl flour

