

Remarks on board in Bhearing Strait

Wednesday July the 31st 1850

Begins with light winds from the westward
A good whale weather saw several whales chased
without success middle part light airs & fine
weather latter part the same ship steering into
a bay 2 native boats came along side to trade had
some fine fresh salmon skins &c this ends this Day

Thursday August the 1st 1850

Begins with light winds from the South
west ship standing in to the bar at 1 P.M.
calm let go the anchor in 8 fathoms of water
the Capt. went into the mouth of the bay to see
what the prospect was for whaling one native
boat came along side we lay about 2 miles
from the land there is grass & other stuff growing
but no wood to be seen there is no snow but there
is a white rock that has the appearance of snow
at 5 P.M. the capt. returned thinking it not best
to go into the bay at 6 got under weigh to proceed
to the arctic ocean middle part light airs & calms
spoke the barque Newton of New Bedford with 2000
bbls of oil one native boat came along side to trade
latter part calm the land 20 miles distant in the morning
saw my quantity of male heads in 12 fathoms of water
gravel bottom at 8 o'clock saw four heads a little farther
off shore 2 boats chased all of the fore noon without
success so ends this Day

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Friday August the 2nd 1850

Begins with light airs & calms the boats
chasing whales at 4 P.M. the waist boat
struck at 6 anchored the ship in 18 fathoms
of water & took the whale along side at
7.30 commenced cutting at 12.30 finished
cutting at 4 P.M. commenced boiling
at 8 saw whales chased til^m meridian without
success so ends this Day Lat 65.10

muddy bottom

Saturday the 3rd

Begins with a light breeze from the
South & fine weather the boats chasing
whales the larboard boat got fast at 5 P.M.
took the whale to the ship at 6 commenced
cutting at 10.30 finished cutting & set the watch
the watch employed in clearing away the head
& boiling latter part fine weather the watch employed
in boiling so ends this Day

Sunday the 4th

These 24 hours fine weather employed in
chasing whales & boiling & starting flour

Monday the 5th

Begins with fine weather employed
in chasing whales without success
& boiling middle part fine weather latter part
overcast squally weather lots of whales in sight
chased without success at meridian raining