

Journal of a whaling voyage to the Pacific

Wednesday July 12th 1854
Wind fresh and heavy, with
heaving us on shore, ship struck several times
very heavily. At 3 P.M. had worked into 7 fms double
reefed main topsail, & clewed up fore & miz.
Saghalian Bay

Thursday July 13th
Commenced with fresh breeze
from N. with rain. At 10 A.M. the work commenced
sailing down at 1 P.M. At 5 P.M. cooled down on
account of rain, wind hauling S. & S.W. at night
thought the day
Saghalian Bay

Friday July 14th
First part fresh breeze from N. &
thick fog. At 5 A.M. Moderate a native of Guam, died
of dysentery. At 12 M. finished boiling, and stowed down
35 lbs oil
Saghalian Bay

Saturday July 15th
First part light breeze from N. and
fair weather. Middle calm, drifted our anchor in 4 fathoms
dred it again at 12 M. with a light breeze from S. Saw
whale going quick. Rowed down
Saghalian Bay

Sunday July 16th
First part fresh breeze from S. & a
foggy. Latter part moderate, finished stowing oil
Saw a human steamer, & a small piece of ice
Spoke ship Lin of N. Bedford 9 m out clear
Saghalian Bay

Monday July 17th
Bright S.W. winds and fine weather
Lowered for whale oil without success. Employed
scraping bone
Saghalian Bay

Ocean on board ship City of N. Bedford

Tuesday July 18th
Moderate breeze from S. & fine weather
Saw 1st boat in shore, returned unsuccessful. Saw
1st off shore going S. & E.

Wednesday July 19th
Fresh breeze from S. & had. Saw
whale going quick to S. & E. Working to S. & E. Saw Capt. Thaine
Leaving N. & E. dist 16 miles
Saghalian Bay

Thursday July 20th
Fresh breeze from S. and a rain
Working to S. & E.
Saghalian Bay

Friday July 21st
Light S.W. winds with rain. Middle calm
Latter part fine breeze from S. & E. Sent in flying jib to
mend
Saghalian Bay

Saturday July 22nd
First part light breeze from S.
with fog & rain. Latter part breeze from S. & E. & had
dred it in the S. till 1 P.M. then packed to S. W. thick
fog. Double reefed topsails
Saghalian Bay

Sunday July 23rd
First part fresh breeze from
S. W. with thick fog. Latter part calm. Came to anchor
in 7 fms
Saghalian Bay

Monday July 24th
Took our anchor at 6 P.M. with light
breeze from S. & E. could not stem the current and
came to again in 5 fms. At 7 A.M. took a breeze from
S. & E. and got under way again, current having
shifted. At 12 M. lowered for Bowheads & Blackwal.
Struck & killed 1. Wh. sent worked ship up to the wh.
& anchored in 18 fms
Saghalian Bay