last season, and not a whale to be seen. most of the ship that were there last season thought it of no use to go there so early this season leaving their ships in prices and getting nothing thereby, but would go to Kodiack the first part of the season and then come to the Arctic. The Mary & Susan took 1600 bbls. the Elisa Adams 1400. Nassau seven whales Omega & Mary & William 6. Nye 6 those are all the ships we have heard of that were there. I never felt so heartsick in my life as when we were told that, why could not we have been one of the number, because it was not for us I suppose, Capt. Coffin reports 8 ships in sight of here yesterday came through Cuminak Straits in company with the Julian had taken nothing Capt C. had been in Behring Straits ever since the 18th in company with a dozen or more ships trying to get through the Good Return had taken nothing, the Speedwell nothing the William Gifford nothing Bloom nothing Robert Edwards nothing Arab nothing, Christopher Mitchell nothing &c misery loves company and it is comforting to know that we are not alone

~~28th~~ A thick fog in the morning but it cleared away so that about noon it was quite pleasant I regretted very much that I had not washed, for I have been waiting two weeks for a good day - ships in sight in all directions, we were surprised to see ships coming from the vicinity of Cape Lisburne, saw Capt Coffin speak a ship. afternoon we spoke the Champion who informed us that it was the Hibernia Capt Edwards had taken eight whales two on Kodiack and two off Cape Thaddeus where right whales were never heard of before, he reported that Cape Lisburne was full of ice and about 40 ships there waiting for the ice to open, Oh dear! shall we get any things that is my last thought when I go to sleep and my first when I wake and also the burden of my dreams. Capt. Edwards reported the loss of the William Hall off East Cape next season laying aback in a fog. Capt Austin was on board the Hibernia and they were going down to take a look. he reported the Saratoga as having done very well on Kamschatka, Capt. Coffin came on board to tea, after tea we spoke the New England of New London Capt Hemstead had taken two fin backs which made him 11 barrels oil being will be had

taken for a year and a half, when we hear of such poor ones it ought to make no contentment with our lot, for we have done very fair if we could only get a few hundred this season. Capt C. felt bad, and I pitied him from my heart.

30th A wonderful circumstance when we were called this morning the sun was shining bright, now for a washing day thought I if it is Saturday, so I went to work, had a large wash it being four weeks since I had had one before just as I got about half through the fog came thicker than I ever saw it before. I was obliged to put my white clothes in soak and dry the colored clothes in the cabin. Seven ships in sight also land. Saw Point Hope a low point which makes out about 15 miles. the land there is very cheering the water deep until you are close in, I was very glad we had an opportunity of seeing it before the fog came on. there is quite a settlement on the point. Saw the Caravan another poor one. After dinner I made some cake to put away for as we are in the midst of ships it is likely that we shall have more or less company while there is no whaling to do -

~~Aug 1st~~ 31st The last month of our dependence when it is gone we shall probably be able to tell whether there is anything for us it does not look very promising today. it is blowing a gale of wind and quite thick. Several ships in sight. passed the Bark Covington Capt. Newman. Saw a bow-head to day going like a shot to the windward. probably to the ice,

Aug. 1st. Yesterday I found myself a little in advance of the true time. It goes rapidly enough of itself without hastening it. A gale of wind still, several ships in sight

2nd. A strong breeze but they thought if I put my clothes out they would dry in a short time and I foolishly did so, the consequence was, that I have old rags enough now to supply the whole ship. I found how they were going and took them in the cabin to dry not however until several garments were torn past mending.

3. Quite pleasant in the morning in the afternoon another gale sprang up, or the third edition of the former one, we have kept our position quite well off Point Hope the wind is north so that we cannot go where we wish. eight ships in sight during the day -