advisable to do so, they decided to do so. and Samuel was up through the night. it was quite a dangerous route to attempt in the night in a thick fog - as Indian Point a very low neck of land runs out for a long distance, and on the other hand there is a strong current setting you in to St Lawrence Island which lies at the entrance of the Straits.

12th. We went through safely last night by sounding. I went to bed last night and slept soundly through the night, when Samuel is on deck I have no fear. I am thoroughly glad however that we are through and so is Samuel. Behring Straits is a very dangerous place, and I greatly wonder there are no more ships lost there than there are, although I have heard that a number of years since there were eleven lost in one season. The George near by through the day foggy for the most part through the day.

13th. Spoke the George in the morning. Capt Silva came on board and passed the day. another Bargue in sight in the afternoon we lay aback for her to come down to us. found her to be the Pioneer, Capt. Baker came on board and passed the afternoon. learned from him that Mrs Bryant of the American was quite seriously injured by the hogshead fetching way and pressing her up against the side of the ship, while they were cutting in a whale. Mrs Baker went on board and stopped a day or two with her and then Capt Bryant put away for the Islands so that I fear it was a serious injury. We were also sorry to learn by him that the Julian had been quite badly stoven in the ice had taken nothing. Capt Baker hails one Muscle digger, as his seasons work. We had before learned that the Neva was badly stoven. he confirms the report. She is two years out without a drop of oil. what are we all coming to? and what are the owners going to do they must sink an enormous amount of money from the catching of the last two seasons.

The good Return was ashore a day or two before we left Cape Sisburne but got off without injury.

14th. A gale of wind and thick for the most part of the day, we are now on our way towards St Paul's having seen nothing in the vicinity of Gore's Island. Spoke the George in the forenoon. Capt Silva told us that he saw a right whale in the morning, close by his ship so near that they gallied him. that is encouraging if we could only have decent weather but as it has been we could do nothing more than plenty of whales here.

15th. The gale still continues spoke the George in the morning. Capt. Silva has got tired of the weather here and is now bound off. Samuel will try it here a little longer. I felt sorry to leave him leave us, as he was the only one in sight, and we have been among ships so long, that it seems rather lonely to be left alone. In the afternoon raised two ships, one lay aback for us we went down and were pleased to find it the Speedwell Mrs Gibbs and myself had another flourish of pocket handkerchiefs as it was blowing a gale we could do nothing else. Capt Gibbs left the Arctic the 8th. and reports whales plenty where we are, and plenty of bad weather, we had experienced the truth of his last statement, and were very happy to hear the first. we immediately took in sail and lay to. and before dark had the pleasure of seeing five or six whales.

16th. Moderated some in the morning, continued to do so until it was nearly calm, then a thick fog set in. After tea raised four whales very near the ship, lowered the boats, they had not been down fifteen minutes when the starboard boat struck, they had just got two irons nicely into him, when he sounded taking the whole of the line about 300 fathoms with him. had it been clear they might possibly have fastened to him again, but it was just as thick as it could be, and the boats came on board again after being absent about half an hour. This makes the fifth whale we have struck this season and succeeded in saving two of them. If we only had the weather think we should stand a chance of making a good season's work yet. I am very sorry to be obliged to record the death of Minnie's white hen. (Minnie) She was one that