

Sunday August 15th 1852

Commenced with light breeze from the southward steering by the wind in quest of whales at 10 o'clock lowered all 4 boats stabboars struck and parted line chased the whale till 8 o'clock but could not get spear. Spoke ship Asmodea of St. B. 10 whales Fisher's master and parasheta 6 whales Boston master both of the captain came on board and left at 10 o'clock. A full fore the remainder of the day had fine weather and breeze till 6 o'clock. Put them out in thick fog and continued for the balance of the day saw whale but very wild lower twice with out success. Saw several ships but the are not doing much. Whales very scarce. Lat 68 175. Hourly

Monday 16th

Commenced with light breeze and thick fog from the northward by the wind under bare sail. At 10 o'clock on the breeze freshened hauled at back the main yard ship heading to the E of S. At 12 doubled reefed the topsails and furled the courses. Lather part clear with strong breeze saw whales toward the labboard bow without success. Lat 68 173. Long 141 30

Tuesday 17th Commenced with strong breeze from the northward steering by the wind on short tack at 4 o'clock. Spoke ship Sea of Warren South master and ship launched of St. B. 6 whales Fisher's master and the ship Port gambles of St. B. 12 whales and the 2 others has 9 each all in all. Part strong breeze latter part the at 4 o'clock P.M. saw whales lower without success. Tossed the D. tricker lugging by 4 o'clock weather squally. 19 ships in sight 3 boiling. Lat 68 20. Long 143

Wednesday August 18 1852
Commenced with strong breeze from south with squalls of wind and fog steering by the wind to the W of S. Under double reefed topsails and courses. At 2 o'clock at 20 tack to the E of S at 5 saw whales lower the labboard quarter and waist boat with out success saw the river and take a whale and the barty would at 8 o'clock hauled up the courses. Strong breeze and very heavy swell from the north weather cold and disagreeable. John. Benagon keeps his breath and is likely to for a spell yet.

Now it is 11 o'clock at night and my watch on deck with will be out at 12 at the present time the mate is on deck waiting with all the patience imaginable for me to come on deck so that he can have a chance to come below. We begin to have quite a respectable night we have 4 hours that is quite dark. Lather part blowing a very heavy swell from the N.E. we are under double reefed topsails steering by the wind to the westward the captain keeps 2 men at the mast head which is useless for we could not take a whale if there was thousands around us at 9 o'clock called them down. So ends. Lat 68 13. 140 40

Thursday 19th
All this had strong breeze from S steering by the wind on short tack but squalls of snow at 5 o'clock saw a whale lower with out success saw some few. Rife facts. Lat 68 141 54

Friday 20th Lather part strong wind from the southward steering by the wind on short at 4 o'clock at the captain crewell went on board ship