

August 1852

Thursday 26 commenced with fine breeze from the North steering by the wind on different tacks spoke ship by the stoneing for 9 whales at 4 o'clock saw 3 whales lowered 3 boats without success at 6 came on board passed the Idigemo of ships butting and sailing saw 4 ships butting and 4 boiling. When we shall get a whale the one knows we have tried as long as there is any risk in trying we heard of the D. I. with 4 whales taken 30 whales in the Arctic while we have taken nothing. Latter part strong breeze from the north steering by the wind on different tacks at 2 o'clock saw 5 whales lowered 4 boats without success at 4 came on board at 8 spoke ship members of it. D. I. 12 whales at 11 spoke ship at 12 o'clock of the same part very master 14 whales by Captain Crowell went on board of them. Heard that the ships had done well in the straits several of them full and bound home. 314 days from home.

Friday 27 commenced with strong breeze from the North steering by the wind on different tacks at 2 o'clock saw 3 whales lowered 3 boats without success came on board and doubled reefed the topsails blowing strong from the north with very heavy swell at 4 handed fore and main topsails and pulled the main sail saw some ships sailing boiling. So passed the first half of this day. the latter part very briny as it was but I think it rather at clouded case as with us have a gale of wind and thick fog. Latter part the same saw several whales going off to make swell to lower for them. saw at 4 spoke ship 2 boiling. So ends the book for today it had a last like boiled saw dust. Lat 68 25. Long 17.

August 28

Friday 28 commenced with strong breeze from the North steering by the wind on different tacks at 1 o'clock saw a whale lowered aboard and waist but whale going quick could not strike came on board and at 3 o'clock saw 3 whales lowered the same boat could not strike so ends the first part with strong breeze and squalls of fog at 4 o'clock handed fore topsails. Middle part more moderate with heavy swell at 10 o'clock passed a ship she hailed me but thinking I could not make her hear I did not answer. at this time a very wet fog latter part wind and weather the same. Lat 68 30 East.

Sunday 29th commenced with strong breeze from the North with fog spoke ship Francis of New Bedford. She had just spoke the Alexander Coffin. saw the great tide building at 3 o'clock saw the Alexander Coffin at 4 o'clock saw a whale and saw him 10 miles to the windward of the ship and then set in thick fog so we do not know whether they saved him or not but the chances are rather against her. This is the only whale we have seen thus far on this day what we shall see the other half will tell. But we don't expect to see much perhaps one whale and he going at the devil was after him. Latter part calm with thick fog spoke ship at 10 o'clock spoke ship 10 whales Capt. L. L. Crowell went on board of her and other Shulstead came here saw several other ships so ends in company with the men.

Monday 30

commenced with light winds and thick fog in company with the men at 5 o'clock lost her in the fog fired several guns at 7 fired company got 3 barrels of powder of her.