

Schooner Cornelia at Noble Island

From 1st May to 6 1869 light winds from different points of the compass up to the 3 and 6 strong gales from S. E. The spring off from the land three boats went to E end saw several Whales struck one and line parted under the Ice and started at another Gibbs boat struck and killed one lower part of the way to the ship Ice closed in to the land had to make him fast and leave him 3 and 6 heavy gales from the South Ice packed on to the land no communication with the E End of the Island So Ends

From 6 to 14 mild most of the time with light southerly winds Ice closed in with the land most of the time saw several Whales but could not get hold during amongst the myself with six or eight men down with snow blindness the worst feeling that I ever experienced several natives came over and stayed one or three days brought Deer meat We sent a sledge to the E end with Wood and fresh meat the 15th So Ends thus far nothing

From 14 to 23 mild with light southerly winds pack up in on to the land saw several Whales in the Ice but could not get at them 17th wind hauled to the North with strong gales Israel Gibbs saw two Whales went off struck and killed one took her to the ship and cut her in from 17th to 23 heavy gales from the Northward and cold Ice all broke off out of sight from the land So Ends this day

From 23 to June 1st fresh winds from different points of the compass boats at the E end the most of the time saw five Whales at different times but could not strike the pack near the land 29th all hands came to the vessels and commenced cutting the rest June the first found the Ansel Gibbs So Ends

Harbor May 1st 1869

From 1st to the 8th June all hands at work sawing Ice to get the vessels out Ice from 1 to 8 feet thick make slow progress 5 found the ships and cut a channel way in the outer harbor 6 and 7 strong gales from the South crowded the Ice in so that we could not get out 8th strong gales from S E with snow and sleet still in the harbor Cooper down with the Gourey the first case So Ends

From 8 to 13th heavy gales from S E with a heavy snow storm 10 moderate got under way both vessels and came out of the Harbor went down to the S E end calm anchored under the land 11 got under way and stood off to the pack saw plenty of Whales in the Ice could not get them Ice so heavy started at one did not fasten at night thick fog with a heavy gale from S E came in under the land and anchored 13 strong gales and pleasant the whole surface of the Water covered with Ice So Ends

From 13 to 20 strong gales from the S E most of the time the surface of the Water covered with Ice 17 had to go into the outer harbor to get clear of the Ice it packed in on the South side to the shore 18 packed ship 20th went out again boats to the East end saw several Whales but could not get at them for Ice came back and anchored of the Harbor again So Ends

From 20 to 30 light winds from the Eastward and fine weather Ice set in onto the land all around the Island vessels had to go back into the outer harbor boats to the S E end see Whales occasionally in the Ice but could not get at them this season looks dark for Whales men on board punting ship inside and out So Ends