

Thursday June 4th

Begins with a gale from E and thick weather, and a wet snow storm. Last night we run in to the ice and made fast to the ice and laid till 7 in the morning and then set sail and run out of the ice to the South. Latter part of the day calm & light wind from S and a wet snow with fog. At 10 AM I went aboard the brig Capt Redfield and spent the day. Capt Baker & Capt Davis came aboard the brig and spent the afternoon. I left 2 letters for home and Capt Redfield gave me some papers. Saw 20 miles North and Cape Whaling in sight to the N.W. Big Swell from S.E.

Friday June 5th

Light wind from E to N then to East again. Set sail in the morning and worked in to the N. through thin ice. Saw a whale and lowered for him. Saw a number of walrus and some seals. Came up raising a spell, then cleared off. Ice about 10 ships & a dozen of the ships in shore in the bay. Come with sail out and some with sail in. This was a small whale and headed to the N.E. No body of clear water as far as I can see. Saw plenty of ducks flying about in the fore noon. We are off Cape Whaling.

Saturday June 6th

Strong wind from E to E.S.E. and thick snowy weather. Carrying close reefed topsails in a strip of water amongst big cakes of ice, 4 ships encircling and 3 others ships in sight. At 3 PM the ocean got foggy & I went aboard of her & saw Capt Barber, St. George, Florida, Ocean, Rainbow, Xaver, Islander & Daniel Webster with us. Capt Barber reported they see to the West of us, & he hoisted up his boats and came out of it last night.

Sunday June 7th

This morning the strong Easterly wind died a way and we set all sail and worked to the Eastward so as to keep clear of the packed ice. In the broader sea, saw 2 Vessels fast in the ice to the N.W. At noon we took a light breeze from N.W. So we run to the Eastward along the land. In the morning we were 8 miles off Cape Whaling. So we found clear water off Cape Whaling. At 3 PM I went aboard the Islander and dined with Capt Harlow and he had letters for me & my crew. Saw 3 ships close in a light to anchor and 14 ships ahead and 8 ships in company with us all drifting along shore to the East 4 miles off shore. Ice thick along shore. Got one letter from my wife & one from my sister. Sounded 31 Gathens.

Monday June 8th

Moderate wind from E by S and clear weather most of the day and some foggy latter part of the day. Sailed back along the land in scattering ice, 3 ships close in a light of land in clear water and their boats down sailing about. Strong current setting us to the East along the land to the windward. A dozen ships in sight. Spoke Capt Washburn in general net. At 6 PM we stood in 40 rods of the land and backed off in a thick fog. Barque heard 2 whales blow last night.

Set by 6 1/2, 4 1/2

Tuesday June 9th

Fresh breeze from W and fine clear weather. Laying aback in the ice & drifting to the East along the land. 14 ships in sight to anchor in the bend under the land to the West of Cape Whaling. 7 ships in sight to the West under short sail. Drifting along the land to the East. Spoke the Islander. At 1 PM saw 5 or 6 different boats. Spent and several walrus. We are off the bend of land to the West of Cape Whaling.

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