

Wednesday June 10th

Begins with light wind from N.W. and fine warm weather, set all sail and headed off shore, and laid aback, Barque Islander Close by, At 8 A.M. I went on board the Islander on the ice and spent the day. Saw that the Lead Ship had taken their anchorage from under the shore and set sail and worked off shore some. Saw that the fleet of ships to the west of us had come up in shore of us and drifting to the East faster in shore than we are off shore, 25 ships in sight along the shore in the ice, Saw Walrus & one bowhead, Last night at 8 o'clock saw 4 bowheads 10 miles off the light of land
Lat by obs 64, 36.

Thursday June 11th

Light wind from S.E. and foggy and muggy weather, Last night laid aback heading to the S.W. and going to the southward and in the morning we had fogged out of the thick ice and in the morning we shifted to the S.W. part of the forenoon and came to thick ice and then laid aback, Latter part of the day Capt. Mawley came on board and spent the afternoon & we steered S.W. till we came to thick ice and then laid aback through the night, Saw the land several times, and saw at noon that we were 10 miles off Cape Melchiffen, & a strip of thick ice in shore. In the morning saw 8 or 9 ships in shore in the light to the west of Cape Melchiffen rounded and got 36 fathoms of water, We have been currented a long way to the Eastward the last night.

Lat by obs 64, 16

Friday June 12th

Light air from E in the morning, set all sail after the fog let up & steered W.S.W. through thick ice, Latter part of the day calm, Saw 9 or 10 ships to the S.W. of us in shore, one of them to anchor, Saw 2 ships to the N.W. of us, Saw ice in all directions, We are off Marcus Bay, Under got 40 fathoms of water, Saw number of seal on the ice

The Sun shone bright and warm, The Current is setting

us to the Straits East, Barque Islander Close by us
Lat by obs 64, 06

Saturday June 13th

Light air from W and fine weather, heading to the West through scattering ice, In the morning I went on board the Islander and spent the day, Saw the West 8 or 9 ships and a Schooner & saw in shore 9 ships to anchor in Marcus Bay, So I will stand in to the Bay if the wind will let us, At 5 the light breeze from W.S.W. leading 8 or 9 ships to anchor bearing N.W. The ice is thick in strips,

Lat by obs 63, 58

Sunday June 14th

Light wind from the S.W. and fine clear weather, We stood from the Southern ice to the North shore and anchored between the Marcus Bay & Flower Bay, Close in shore in 13 fathoms of water and some ice comes a good of the ships, I went on board the Islander and took supper, went on board the Three Brothers and Florida & Orkla and got letters, Residing 30 ships in sight, about 20 anchored here along shore, 3 whales seen going N.E. along shore

Lat by obs 64, 12 Long by Ch 172, 13

Monday June 15th

Moderate wind from S and fine weather, At 8 A.M. saw a ship deck and sent off two boats, Looking for whales, At 1 P.M. got under way and stood to the Eastward of the Straits & several ships got under way and stood out from the shore, Left number of ships to anchor, Saw thousands of birds, Saw a walrus, Saw more than 20 ships,