

Tuesday June 16th

Begins with strong wind from S and a thick fog. Carving kept up, before opposite tack, At 1 P.M. fog let up some, but whole team left sail & steered NW on four and came in thick again. So we tore aback, rounded to the East of the straits 11 fathoms, rounded in the middle of the straits got 19 fathoms water, I think we are off Indian Point.

Wednesday June 17th

Light wind from NE and fine weather. Reached in fore the South headland of St Lawrence Bay & a canoe came off from the head along side of us. In the morning I went on board the Mellen Snow and got a letter. She is from St Lawrence Island and the natives there say taken 4 whales this summer and the whalers past the island some time past. Indian Point they have taken 3 whales this summer & they say that the whalers have gone with the natives here have taken one whale this summer. Saw a Devil fish & Walrus and seals. East Cape & Diomed Islands are in sight and between East Cape & the Islands and St Lawrence Bay and St Lawrence Bay is full of ice. At 5 P.M. took a breeze from N.W. 6 ships in sight, the Islander in sight to the West of us.

Thursday June 18th

Light variable air first part of the day and thick with snow & rain. Sailed 2 boats and cut off the copper of the ships sides and staked down the edges. At 10 I went on board the Mellen Snow and on board the Milla. My Nause is very sick with a bad cough and brown waters, & this thick weather makes her worse. At 2 P.M. took a light breeze from South and we steered to the NE for the Diomed Islands, through thin scattering ice. The natives came on board of us, 15 sail in sight, spoke the Eagle of Lermene Capt Lovellin. We are off the North head of St Lawrence Bay.

Friday June 19th

Wednesday June 19th Last night light wind from

S and thick with rain, went to the NE through scattering ice. In the fore noon took a fresh breeze from N.W. and cleared off. Capt Canby came on board and staid part of the fore noon. Latter part of the boat to the NW of East Cape. Some scattering ice in strips & broken ice to the North of the Cape in the night and put off shore with Islander and Harbinger & Eagle encompassing of Mellen Snow. The Mellen Snow cut winds up in beating. Saw plenty of ripsacks along this ice and west shore working north west. Took in the white oak cuts off the stem. We are now in the Arctic Ocean.

Saturday June 20th

Fresh breeze from W and overcast weather. Heading NW & N by W. Carving all sail, 3 ships & stuns, Islander off to the seaward and Count Dismark ahead. At 5 P.M. came to a big body of ice & put off to the NE of us. Took a head to the NW along the ice, saw some Walrus on the ice but not many. Saw some Devil fish in the fore noon, land in sight early in the morning.

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Sunday June 21st

Calm last night. This morning took a breeze from SE and came in thick. Some sail to the East of us. We steered off NW by W & N West W till 4.30 P.M. then we came to packed ice and heavy ice and plenty of Walrus. Sailed 2 boats and got a Walrus. Saw some birds, ducks and some white birds. The ice run off to the North & clear water to the North of us.

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