

Tuesday Aug 25th

Fresh wind from N and good weather, Close in to the land to the N of Key Cape, Saw several whales & chased in 10 fathoms of water. Saw the Three Brothers Cut a whale, about 20 ships in sight and the most of them chasing, A number of ships a-bailing, Big ice off shore in sight, See some whale birds, All hands stowing down 74 lbs of oil in the main hold and pumping out fresh water.

Set about 70, 30

Friday Aug 26th

Begins with fresh wind from N.W. and a thick rain storm all day, and cold, carrying reef topsails, In the morning we was as far north as we could go along the land, so we run off for Key Cape, In the morning saw George Howland take a whale, & West of Key Cape, saw the Maindeer & Key Farway take whales, Spoke the Maindeer and gamed with the Josephine, they 8 whales, We are 10 miles off Key Cape.

Saturday Aug 27th

Light wind from S.E. and fine weather, Saw off Key Cape 3 ships, chasing 2 whales, and killing 1 ship in sight and part of them a-bailing, Part of the ships working to the S.W. We run off to the sea to the N.W. & saw the whale coming to the sea that the Ohio and Eagle was chasing off Key Cape, so we lowered the boats & I caught the whale and it was a big cow whale, so we anchored at night to keep from drifting into the ice and cut the whale in in the night, In 10 fathoms of water, Saw 15 or 20 miles off. Set by 70, 14 N.

Sunday Aug 28th

Light wind from N.E. to N.W. and good weather, In the morning we finished cutting our whale and took the anchor, set sail, and stood to the eastward and stood in to the land N.E. of Key Cape, the Cape 10 miles off, Saw 3 ships chasing whales, about 11 ships in sight and the most of them a-bailing, Ice in sight all along to the W. & N.W. of us, Spoke the George Howland 3 whales, Employed in bailing.

Monday Aug 29th

Begins with fresh wind from N.W. and some fog and rain, Most of the day, Late in the day calm, Saw the Florida & Three Brothers Cut a whale, then boats chasing, we saw 2 whales, Capt Cogin spoke me in his boat & said there was plenty of whales around this morning along the ice, about 20 ships in sight and the most of them a-bailing, We are 12 miles from the land and about 20 miles N.E. of Key Cape, Plenty of walrus in the water along the ice, about one knot current setting N.E. or N.W. by compass, I went onboard the Concord and got 84 gals of Molasses.

Tuesday Aug 30th

Begins with fresh wind from N.W. and fog, At 7 in the morning cleared up some, Saw several whales along the ice, Mr Colson struck one from lightly and drew, & Merman slipped and shot a good chance to get to the whale, Saw several ships chasing & saw the Corwin take a whale, Lowered after dinner and chased a whale, Blowed on a gale and a thick rain storm, Closed reefed the topsails and stood off on the ice, At 6 P.M. rounded and got 10 fathoms.