

Wednesday Aug 31st Last night blowed a gale from

NW and rugged and a thick rain storm and fog. Last evening about the time for the ice, we came down to close reefed topsails. Saw several ships under a close reef main topsail off to the seaward. During the forenoon a thick snow storm and blowed leaves. At 8 in the morning we past close to the make of ice that was 6 miles off Key Cape in 7 fathoms of water. Latter part of the day cleared off saw the land and moderated some. Flood to the sea, saw 2 whales. At 6 P.M. the three brothers came down with colors flying & Capt. Tabor went on board the Ohio and I went on board the Ohio. Capt. Tabor reports the Corwinthian a shore on Blossom Shoals with her masts cut away & Capt. Cogen reports the Josephine stripping 3 times for the sharks also the Active struck & the three brothers was in 3 fathoms of water.

Lat 40° 40', 10

Thursday Aug 1st

Light wind from S and good weather. In the morning saw 2 whales & saw the Concord & Concord & George Howland and we all run off to the N along the land for Key Cape & at 6 P.M. we anchored off the wreck of the Centurian on Blossom Shoals. So Capt. Cogen, Capt. Lewis, Capt. Smith & Capt. Plazier and my self went on board the Centurian wreck and found her afloat with an anchor down. The Capt & Mate and Second Mate had left the night before & we heard nothing of Capt. Lewis & think he and his wife, Mate and 2 boats are in the sea. They had lightened the wreck by throwing over board the oil in casks and part of the whale tank. Blubber room, so the started off.

Lat 40, 00

Friday Aug 2nd

Light air from NW and good weather. In the latter part of the night big ice came afloat of the ship and Mr. Mason for night called calling me, so we could not leave of the anchor &

was obliged to unshackle the heavy fastened shackle and

Ship and load 30 fathoms of chain and the jolly anchor. At 10 P.M. & 11 P.M. ship past close of the ice that was in the shoal and save our ship and then beat out to the SW. All the ships worked to the S of the strip of ice to the south of the shoals and setting on the shoals. The ship was not hurt, but the masts were gone by the bears. The ship about 1500 lbs of oil on board and 10 thousand of bone. I am a grade that Capt. Lewis & wife are in the sea, by leaving the ship in the night. I spoke the Ohio on cutting and saw the Concord take a whale and we saw over a dozen of whales 6 miles off to the west of us and about 8 miles off. In 7 fathoms of water.

Saturday Sept 3rd P.M.

Fresh breeze from SE and fine weather. A plenty of whales in sight in the morning. We got a whale and cut them in & anchored to keep out of the ice. Saw several ships take whales, 10 ships in sight and all of them a whaling and the most of them took whales and some two. We are off Key Cape 15 miles. The wreck is in sight and the George Howland is anchored near of the wreck taking off cut bones & oil. Keeping to the NE fast. Took the anchor on the bow. Whales seem to be at home here.

Sunday Sept 4th

Fresh wind from S and good weather. Beating to the south off Key Cape, 10 miles off the land. Saw several whales going South West. Saw about 20 ships and about a dozen ships cut whales. Great number of whales seen here by the ships. In 7 fathoms of water spoke 3 brothers & Active & I went on board the Active & and George Howland. The Capt. Lewis & wife are on board the Active & well. The George Howland has the ship Corwinthian in tow and has taken her bone.