

Friday Jan 25th

Strong gales from N.E. Clear in fore & thick fog in the Straits, 14 Ships in here to anchor & the most of them came in here to day. Heard from the Arctic & heard from off Cape M'Chern. Reported 4 whales, Reported 5 whales, and several ships one or two whales lately. I went on board the Lulian & Ohio & Elizabeth Swift. Saw several bowheads in the bay, and all the ships boats off, Chasing. Some ships got water off from shore. Mr Colson struck John Bravo on the head, with a tiller of his boat Rudder and cut his head and bled some. At 9 PM I came on board and the men came to me for something to be his head up & put some thing on to his head. I got Mr Colson to bring up John's head with the help of the Stewards.

Saturday Jan 26th

Light variable airs and calm, 6 Ships came from the South, 13 Ships to anchor under North Head to anchor this forenoon. In the afternoon the most of them got under way and stood for East Cape. Saw 3 or 4 bowheads and boats Chasing. Whales & walrus working to the North. In the fore noon I went on board Helen M'ar, Phil, Josephine & Helomier. At 3 PM took our anchor and stood out in to the Straits and then steered off for East Cape. Breeze from S to S.E. all sail set.

Sunday June 27th

Begins with light wind from S.E. and good weather. Headed off for East Cape. About 10 Ships in sight working to the N.E. Saw the sea breeze off East Cape boiling. Latter part of the day fresh breeze from N.W. to N.E. and cloudy with little rain. 4 Ships lying along the beach off East Cape. East Cape S.W. of us 15 miles & standing in. A canoe came along side & I bought some bone.

Monday June 28th

Begins with light wind from N.W. heading N.E. and hauled to W and came up to 4 or 5 and hauled to S.W. & S & headed N.W. for Cape Surge, Landing light to the West of us. At 5 PM took a fresh breeze from N.W. & steered N.W. by W. 8 ships in sight in the morning & they all steered in for Cape Surge & one off to the N.W. while the wind was southerly. Fine weather. Cape Surge 45 miles off. Lat about 60° 67' 10" N.

Tuesday June 29th

Begins with a calm, At 12 M took a light breeze from East and steered to the N.W. & came to the ice at 2 PM. Saw plenty of walrus on the ice, that in with all the boats & killed 25 walrus and skinned them on the ice and towed them to the ship. Blowed up fresh from E.S.E. Shortened sail in. Capt Liffey from New Bern came on board a while, 3 other ships in sight.

Lat about 61° 30' Long about 170° West

Wednesday June 30th

Strong breeze from S.E. and good weather but hazy. In the morning run along the Western ice saw few walrus on the ice, 3 ships worked off to the N.E. Reaped the topsails, & furled the courses and stood to the N.E. Scattering ice about the sea. Cleared the blubber off the walrus hides. At 4 PM took and stood to the S.W. Reaped & furlled courses from S.W. and steering to the N.E. We wore ship & set courses & whole topsails, heading E.S.E. Fine clear weather.

Lat 62° at 8 AM 68, 12 Long at same time 170, 30 W. 6 Chrs