

in the fore noon stood to the Eastward out of sight.

This afternoon a barque stood past us by the wind to the Westward, she was a fly at her mainmast, visible in sight to the South of us.

Thursday Aug 5th

Lat about 68, 40

First part fresh wind from N.W. by W. & variable, heading N.W. by E. all sail set. In the morning wind headed off to N.E. & we tacked ship, saw 6 vessels standing to the N.E. with all sail set, spoke B.K. John Corver, she is from the Western Sea & I think the other ships are from the N.W. Sea. Latter part of the day wind strong from N.W. & thick & raining & quite all day, all hands employed in chopping blubber & bailing all day, Cooper setting up shookey, at noon came down to close reefed topsails & staysails, saw another ship off our lee bow at night.

Lat by obs at 69, 50 & in
Longitude of Cap. Lisburn

Friday Aug 6th

Fresh breeze from E. the first part of the day, stood to the N. till 8 A.M. saw the ice and then we laid aback to stow down oil, in the main hold, latter part of the day wind tacked to N. and snow, Capt. Willis came on board of the *James Allen* and took supper with me, Dutch Eagle past us and another barque, saw the ice to the N. of us, Capt. Willis tells me that there is a long way to the N.W. of us & close by us, ships are working to the Eastward, but Capt. Willis says *James Allen* is late.

Lat by obs 70, 10

Saturday Aug 7th

Fresh breeze from N. and thick falling snow storm, stood to the Eastward through the drift, through to small ice, spoke *Sophomore* & Capt. *Eger* & Capt. *Harnden* came on board and

sent the day, then Capt. *Harnden's* boat

on to the ice twice and the last time parted the warp and drove the boat, but broke up the gaming, Mr. Kern drove the boat & then the boats over the ice before, then the Captains left us, saw 9 sails working to the Eastward through scattering ice.

Lat about 70, 00 Longitude

Sunday Aug 8th

166, 00

Fresh breeze from N. and clear part of the day & latter part of the day foggy, we stood close in to the land & then beat to the N.E. betwixt the ice and land, 15 ships in sight working slowly to the N.E. and some laying aback, saw the B.K. *Elizabeth* Swift Bauling a bowhead & under short sail, saw the brig with her boats down, spoke the *Hellen Mary*, all hands employed in stowing oil in the main hold & finished bailing and stowed down the oil, in hoisting out a cask of bread from the fore hold as the cask was most on deck the oil fell ported and let the cask of bread fall into the hold & Monday fell on to the cask and fell into the hold & cut his upper lip badly through under the nose and lamed his nose, saw some seals land 10 miles off.

Lat by obs 70, 05

Monday Aug 9th

Fresh breeze from N. and good weather beating to the North, betwixt the ice and land, ice 15 miles from land, saw 3 bowheads that other boats was after, 31 ships in sight and all beating to the North, all hands washing off ship, find walrus grease hard to wash off, *Elizabeth* Swift Bauling a bowhead & onward has taken a bowhead & piece lately and bailing, I game with the onward & coasted by.

Lat about 70, 10