

Tuesday Aug 10th Fresh breeze from East E and fine

weather, beating to the N. All hands employed in bending, a new foretop sail, new L. top, new Main topsail & Main top gallant sail, a new speaker & a good Mizzen topsail, new new Main topmast braces & have the all ones forward for fore topmast braces. I went onboard the *William Miller* & Capt Kelly & Capt Wilson. Came onboard there, 33 ships here off Key Cape, Key Cape 4 miles to the N. E. of us, Over 50 fathoms on the beach South of the Cape, B. K. Eagle got a whale here last night, 4 ships sailing 10 miles off shore, natives came onboard, ice closes nearly on to Key Cape, I got a pair of small opera glasses from Capt Merendean, Saw 2 Seal fish & some ducks.

Lat by obs 70° 24' Long by Ch 161° 53' W.

Wednesday Aug 11th

Fresh breeze from N. E. & good weather, little foggy in the morning. About 32 ships close in to Key Cape & 11 of them laying aback. In the morning I went onboard the *San Diego* a while, Capt Fisher arm is getting better & doing well & he gave me some white shugr. At 10 A.M. we made sail & beat to the N. of Blossom Shoals & found it quite clear to the N. E. of the Shoals. Most the ships beat forward and beat to the N. through the scattering ice off Key Cape and the pack ice about 8 miles off the Shoals. Looks like clear water to the N. E. along shore, ground ice on the Shoals.

Lat by obs 70° 24' Long by Ch 161° 40'

Thursday Aug 12th

Light wind from the Eastward during the night and we stood to the N. E. along the land & ice, 8 miles from land & 10 fathoms water, through the day light airs from N. E. and calm. We are close in shore off Whinn Right Inlet, I went onboard the *Elizabeth* Swift and sent the foreman & brought 3 scrapers, put out a better barbed boat.

Saw a bowhead going N. along the ice & 2 ships boats hauled

for him, see whale feeds fully and whole birds & seals, shot one seal. Later part of the day, seeing the ice & ship setting in shore we run off to the N. along the ice & all the ships done the same, 26 ships in sight, ice packed in places, I think we could get to the Sea Horse Islands by going close to the land & dodging some ice, saw lots of poles on shore by the Inlet.

Lat by obs 70° 40' Long 6 miles off

Friday Aug 13th

Light wind from S. & from N. W., beating to the S. W. along the ice, 10 miles off shore against Key Cape, bent a new main sail & made new L. top tenders. Spoke *Burgue Roman* & *James Allen*. I went onboard the *California* & Capt Cogan & Capt Smith. Capt Merendean was there, saw the *Alora* strike a whale, about 30 ships in sight, fine pleasant weather.

Lat by obs 70° 25' N

Saturday Aug 14th

Moderate wind from N. and cloudy, laying aback part the time & part the time brace forward, saw nothing. Saw 2 ships boats down, about 30 ships in sight along shore, the Walrus fluke is here. Key Cape 10 miles to the East East of us, the outward is running down for us, made new fore topmast & stand tenders.

Sunday Aug 15th

Fresh breeze from N. E. and cloudy weather, spoke, Capt Worth & B. K. Oliver Crocker & *Concord*. Capt Jones & Capt Wood came onboard and spent the day with me. We laid aback all night & all day between the ice and land, from 10 to 12 fathoms of water, kept the topsails, 36 ships in sight, saw the land just South of Key Cape.