

Monday Aug 16th

Light wind from N.E. and wet fog all the forenoon. At 10 A.M. ran off 500 yds. and 1 P.M. came to plenty of walrus, lowered the boats and the sailing was so wild that we could not get but 2 walrus & saw plenty more and they went all off the ice. Several ships laying back along the ice, landed and got 15 fathoms water. Ice very open. Saw plenty of whale birds & gulls. Carpenter making a crane. Not a whale to be seen by any ships. At 4 P.M. set more sail and I ran off for the Hibernia. I wrote letters at the forenoon. Sounded 18 fathoms. I went aboard the Hibernia.

Lat by obs 70° 45' N of about 15 miles off shore

Tuesday Aug 17th

Fresh breeze from N.E. and foggy all day. Laid back all night & all day till 6 P.M. Capt. Dunder from ship Hibernia. Came on board in the morning & spent the day with me. Capt. Dunder gave me a tub of codfish & I left him here 5 yds. of 1000 Cotton Duck Canvas & a compass in a box & a long 4 ft. day as the fog let up. Saw several ships to the windward, laying back. At 6 P.M. stood to the N.E. Saw 4 barrel fish going to the N. & North East. Sounded 15 fathoms water.

Wednesday Aug 18th

Fresh wind from N.E. and good weather in the morning. Set the gallant sails and top sails & bent to the N.E. along the ice, about 20 ships in sight, all beating to the N.E. & some 20 miles from land. Latter part of the day saw the land of King Cape. Saw a good show of walrus on the ice. At 1 P.M. collected on deck & day and to day kept him to the wheel & he would not steer. Lat by obs 70° 20' Long by Ch. 164° 00' Not good. So I struck him.

4 times over the holdings with a piece of soft towline & tied him on the thins & let him over the head twice with the gally glass.

Thursday Aug 19th

Strong wind from N.E. and clear part the time & foggy part the time with some rain. Beating to the N.E. along the ice, carrying whole topsails & staysails. Saw 2 or 3 whale heads along the ice. Saw one under our lee & the sea breeze ran under our lee & hove back and caught the whale. A number of ships in sight, beating to the N.E. We lowered for the whale but the sea breeze caught him. Sounded & got 18 fathoms water. Think we ought to be in lat 70° 30' North.

Friday Aug 20th

Moderate wind from N.E. and a thick but foggy day, till 3 P.M. then cleared off. Saw the land & a number of ships in sight & several barrel fish. Saw one ship back down. Ship under shot sail & laying back along the ice. Sounded & got from 18 to 14 fathoms water. I think we are off this night. Inlet. I think there has been some ships gone to the N. & out of sight. Land 12 miles off.

Saturday Aug 21st

Begins with light air from S and foggy & wet. At 10 A.M. fog lifted some & Capt. Tulver came on board and looked dinner with me. After dinner we went on board the Porpoise Koman & spent the afternoon with Capt. Robinson & Capt. Norton came on board there. Saw 6 ships coming along the land. With the ice 6 miles off shore. Ice here sitting on the land in strips. At 8 P.M. we run to the South Sea to get to the S of a point of ice swinging around us. Very strong current here. Laying in shore to the N.E. The water smells strong with feed. 3 more ships left to the N.E. out of sight. Met & plenty of ships in sight to the South. Sounded, 20 fathoms. Lat by obs 70° 45' North.