

and there plenty of Walrus in the water, Strong Current

So the ship bent steer, Pico in Side of us, We are now in scattering ice working north along the land, All hands employed in Stowing off the fore truck & shifting water forward in the hold & Bailing and Chipping blubber, Will finish bailing to night,

Lat by obs 69° 40'

Tuesday Aug 9th

Light airs from S.W. to N.W. & N.E. We caught 13 Walrus last night & saw plenty of them & then we ran to the North, Saw General Ship to the N.W. of us along the land, At Night Key Cape in Sight, Natives came on board of us, Scattering big ice all around and land in sight, All hands Stowing Down and in the main hold the 580 Walrus, has made up 340 lbs by the gauges,

Lat by obs 70° 10'

Wednesday Aug 10th

Fresh breeze from N.E. and fine weather, beating to the N.E. along the land in scattering ice, Key Cape in sight to the East of us and about 20 ships in sight, At 2 P.M. saw a Bowhead come out of the point of ice leading down on to the shoals and going W.S.W. and heaving, Ship Josephine caught the whale & cut him up, I went on board the Orca and left bearing her the same 24 gals of paint oil and 4 lbs of boat nails & I let him have 20 lbs of sugar at 8 cts a lb and paint with paper gally, All hands employed in washing off ship & boats, Carpenter repairing boats in 15 fathoms water, Capt Barrow says that we

Lat by obs 70° 38' Long by Ch 62° 01'

Thursday Aug 11th

Strong wind from N.E. and cloudy and rain in the afternoon, kept the topsails and laid about all day, 18 ships close by, Capt Green, Capt Cogins, Capt Leary, & Capt Alma came on board & I went on board the Josephine, Capt Cogin let me have 1 quart of Turpentine, Capt Alma says I saw a bowhead on the 8th & 9th & got 18 fathoms of water, heavy scattering ice, broke out the sails to bend and let the men take ship, We are 15 miles N.W. of Key Cape and the shoals in sight to the S.E. of us

Friday Aug 12

Strong wind from N.E. and cold and scattering ice, In the morning stood from the N.W. of the Point to the N.E. of Key Cape through heavy ice and drifted on to ground ice in 12 fathoms water, Current setting strong to the S.W., 6 ships stood to the East and company, We carried short sail through the night logging ice, some very large & heavy ice, saw white granular ice and a small fish, saw ship to anchor under Key Cape to the S.W. of the Cape, Stand in to the light to the N.E. of Key Cape, let out the bow line & took the station

Lat at 4 P.M. 70° 20' about

Saturday Aug 13th

Fresh wind from north and foggy all last night and part of today, see the land & ice at times, we are in a strip of water with scattering ice between the land and packed ice, have from 15 to 8 fathoms of water, saw the Roman & Henry, Taber close by & 3 other ships, spoke the Henry, Taber, Dutch ship, lowered for a whale last night, In the fore noon let 2 whole top sails & mizzen sail, beating N.E. along the land, see heavy ice aground, some ducks & some whale blubber, Cooper & Carpenter repairing water boat, we are in the light N.E. of Key Cape

Lat by obs at noon 70° 13'

Killed our last 2 dogs