

Sunday Aug 14th

Strong wind from N.E. and cold freezing weather, with wet fog & squalls, carrying whole topsails & mainsail till 5 P.M., then came on squally, keeled & took in mainsail & set staysails, beating to the N.E. between the pack ice and land, ice from 15 to 10 miles off the land. Strong current setting S.W. along the land, we stand from 14 fathoms to 9 in shore. The water grows narrow as we approach point Belcher. We are now South of Main right inlet. See plenty of seal fish and few walrus, some Carvass back ducks, and a few whale birds, see a lagoon on the shore, Roman & Henry Taber accompanying.

Lat at noon by obs 70° 30'

Monday Aug 15th

Strong wind from N.E. and clear most the time, carrying keeled topsails through the night & thin top gallant sail through the day & courses, a little scattering ice between the pack & land, ice 15 miles off the land, sounded along the pack & got 21 fathoms water, land low Roman in sight to the S.W. and Henry Taber in sight to the N.E., some ice a ground 4 miles off shore, we are off Main right inlet, see some gulls & few walrus going N.E., see several seal fish along the pack, water big ice this season, this is a heavy fog, strong current setting S.W. along the ice and land.

Lat by obs 70° 40' N

Tuesday Aug 16th

Strong wind from N.E. and good weather, last night we caught a whale that Henry Taber lost and cut him in, the set all sail and beat to the N.E., saw about 8 bowheads and several seal fish, 5 ships here & 2 cutting, we got a whale at 10 P.M. & beat fore & mizen topsails.

Scattering ice between the pack and land

Land and pack in sight, plenty of whale birds. We are near the Sea Horse Islands.

Lat by obs 70° 50'

Wednesday Aug 17th

Strong wind from N.E. and good weather, finished cutting our whale and set whole topsails & beat to the N.E., Moberne close by 6 sail in sight, Roman boiling, saw 2 bowheads last night and one to day. Stood from the ice to the land, saw main right inlet to the S.W. of south of us, ice makes nearly on to the land to the Sea Horse Islands as it looks.

Lat at noon along the ice 70° 49' off shore

Thursday Aug 18th

Strong wind from N.E. and foggy first part of the day, beating to the N.E., carrying reefed fore & mizen topsails & yards, between the pack and land. At noon the fog lifted saw 2 whales in shore and lowered for them and got one and cut him in, anchored in 15 fathoms 3 miles off shore & big ice a ground in shore, saw the Roman in shore to anchor and saw her to the whale and saw 3 other sail to the N.E. and one to anchor boiling. Moberne struck a whale and lost him. We are a boiling, saw several whales along the shore, we are just to the N.E. of Point Belcher, I think there is plenty of whales about here they are about 100 lbs, plenty of whale birds, current setting South West about 2 knots, the wind is much better to anchor her under way.

Lat at noon 70° 49' in shore