

Friday Aug 19th

Wind hauled to the S.W. and breezed up fresh with rain and fog. We still lay to anchor in 15 fathoms of water with 27 fathoms of Chene out. Employed in boiling, 2 Canoes of natives came on board of us and I bought a lot of big bones from them. Landed 4 miles off. Henry took to anchor in there of us & the women stood in. Saw 2 more ships to the N.E. I think to anchor under ground ice. The current has changed and setting to the north east and some pieces of ice pass us. See no whales to day yet. We are to anchor just south of point Belcher. Big ice to the north of ground.

To Anchor at Point Belcher

Saturday Aug 20th

Moderate wind from S.W. and good weather. Saw early in the morning 3 whales and lowered for them. At 8 A.M. took the anchor & set sail and sailed with Concord till noon. Run off to the N. and saw plenty of beachheads West of Sea Horse Islands in 15 fathoms of water, all going to the S.W. East. We got a whale and anchored in shore east to the point ice to cut our whale. Saw plenty of whales along the ice that is aground along the Sea Horse Islands. Big ice aground West of the Islands. 25 ships in sight working north and all of them with their boats down chasing whales. Saw only the Trident take a whale & anchored close to the ice on the Islands. We are in 15 fathoms of water anchored West of the Sea Horse Islands and fine weather now.

Sunday Aug 21st

Begins with light air & pretty and fine weather. Saw plenty of whales commencing out of the ice east on the Sea Horse Islands & 4 boats chased all the first part of the day. All the whales going S.W. East. Saw about 30 ships. Saw 11 ships cutting & all the ships whaling. Onward close by. After noon broke out the ice hole to show ice on the Starboard side. Employed in boiling. We are to anchor in 15 fathoms of water West of the Sea Horse Islands & the Islands plane in sight and ground ice close by us. Current setting N.E. Strong.

Set by 4 1/2, 56

Monday Aug 22nd

Strong wind from N.E. and rugged weather. At 2 A.M. knocked off stowing. Seeing the ice breaking up on the pack in shore and coming on to us. We took the anchor or tried to get it up. But it had beaded in the hard mud. So the Chene parted and we lost our big anchor and 20 fathoms of the big Chene. The Chene is poor. Set reefs, topsails and staysails and worked to the N.E. along the Islands and the ice on the Islands. About 20 ships in sight and the most of them a boiling. Looks as if there was a strip of ice all along just on the land and the whales had followed the ice down along the ice fast to the shore and then struck off S.W. off the Sea Horse Islands. Big show of whales yesterday at the Sea Horse Islands and all going S.W. and a good many whales taken by the ships. But don't see any whales to day. All the ships were king & E. under short sail & a boiling. Some set taking ice. Broke out the Allegan hole for provisions & boiling shortly.

Set 15 miles N.E. of the Islands
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