

1896

Remarks on Board Bark Desdamong

Wednesday July 29th

Came in with fresh breeze from S.W. and at 10-30 P.M. hove to for the dark hour and at daylight was surrounded by heavy ice so had to a large cake until the ice opened Resolution Island in sight - bore by compass S.W. by E 20 miles distant

Thursday July 30th

Came in with moderate breeze and freshens to a gale from S.W. At 5 A.M. got into clear water and making short tacks into Resolution Island and off shore

Friday July 31st

Came in with fine weather and light breeze from W. by N. and ship making about S.W. by E course. At 5 P.M. the gap between Resolution Island and the main land bears East. Plenty of ice in strips and bergs in sight

Saturday Aug 1st

Came in with light air and calm and ship off of middle Savage Islands about 12 miles and quite lots of ice around

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Bound to Hudson Bay M. V. B. Chillard Master

Sunday Aug 2nd

Came in with moderate breeze from S.W. by E and trying to get to the S.W. by N. through the ice. At 1 P.M. five Kiaks and a large Boat of natives come off to the ship enquire from middle Savage Islands and Captain bought a thousand eggs, fifty pound Venison and some fine skins

Monday Aug 3rd

Came in with gentle breeze and misty weather from W. by N. and ship trying to make S.W. by N. course. This day is the first for many that we have seen no ice

Lat 61-54

Long 68-10

Tuesday Aug 4th

Came in with fine weather and steering course until 2 P.M. then wind from S.W. and making tacks in shore and off and no ice to speak of but a few Berge.

Wednesday Aug 5th

Came in with fog and rain from S.W. At 3 P.M. got a breeze from W. by N. and steering course S.W. by N. and have seen no ice to day.