

Cruising for whales (Aug 1st)

Thursday 1st Aug 1880, Lat 66.00 Long 170
Light winds from W.N.W. and Calms
at 2 PM came to anchor and
board for whales but to no purpose

Middle and later fine weather
employed in chasing whales no success

Friday 2nd Light fair from
S.E. and thick weather lying at
anchor chasing whales at 10 AM
gave up chasing for the night
at 13 watches

Middle and later chasing whales

From this time up to the 9th
have a great number of whales
chasing them all the time but
to no purpose. All most disagreeable
then is no end to the ship's stowage
in situ all the time. Whales are
plenty but wild as March hares
made I am bound the North
as far as I can get in hopes to
get some oil before the season
is up. You see how and then a
ship chasing these whales seem
to be going to the North all of them

I have got 4 whales more than
season. I have hope I ought to
feel and shall feel
it is now the 10th of the month and
time goes fast and nothing coming
in but I must be contented
with what I can get but no more

in the Arctic Sea in Company with ^{250 ships}

Aug 12th At first fine weather
cruising for whales Lat 67.40
Long 170.30 Spent ship & staying
Spent day galled until 10 then
ported shipping W.C.S. at 7 AM
Yamwhals & sticks piled at 9
tack line to the ship at 11 commence
cutting at 12 finish cutting thick and
rainy Whales & more ship to S.
employed in cleaning up decks and
hoisting

Middle and later strong winds from
E thick and rainy standing on alert
tocks thick and rainy hoisting

13th Thick and rainy winds
from E thick and rainy hoisting
on alert tocks

Middle and later thick and
rainy a plenty of ships

Wednesday 14th Thick and rainy Whales
E. thick and rainy and sent him
then another the ship long side
of him tried to sever all sticks
to haul him up but could not
raise him Lat 67.25 Long 173

Middle and later fine weather
light breeze from E. hoisting
a plenty of ships in situ

Thursday 15th fine weather lying by
the whale side to the bottom

Middle hauled the whale up
late commence cutting thick with
rain unusable