

August 27 1852
Barge Fortune of Ben Bedford Capt Davis
Cruising in the Arctic Sea

Remarks on board Friday August 27 commences with strong breeze from ESE heading on difference tack at 6 AM double reef the top sails sun seal devil fish and sun seal ships some hauling middle part strong breeze from E heading SE look in the fore top sail close reef the main latter part blowing fresh sun seal ships so ends invariable to better No Ob.

Remarks on board Saturday August 28 commences with strong gale from N heading SE under close reef main top sail and fore sail sun seal ships some hauling at five PM more ship heading SE at 10 PM last sun Derate set the fore top sail and Jib so ends this day No Ob.

Remarks on board Sunday August 29 commences with moderate breeze from N heading on difference tack under double top sails thick hazy some sun seal ships at five PM sun solar whales toward three boat without success at seven came on board at eight PM sun whales toward on boat without success came on board latter part sun whales toward two boats without success so ends two boats out with 1st duty and calling and Grace and Tunnel so ends No Ob.

Remarks on board Monday August 30 commences with light hazy breeze from N heading SE with main yard aback thick hazy weather sun seal ships heading to the westward latter part cleared up some

Breeze forward steering SE sun three ships all sail cut so ends this day invariable to better No Ob.

Remarks on board Tuesday August 31 commences with light breeze from N heading SE with main yard aback thick fog at five PM cleared up some sun seal ships spoke one the Pentest of Stangerington at ten PM Breeze forward steering SE haul in the west shore bearing SE distance about 20 miles latter part much the same sun Gideon howland of Ben Bedford Capt Jon so ends this day Unloaded Ben Bedford
 1st by Ch. 67 28
 2nd by Ch. 191 25
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Remarks on board Wednesday 1 commences with light breeze from SE and clear weather steering SE haul in six distance 20 miles sun seal ships spoke ship Janus of Ben Bedford Capt Cornell Middle part gunning at 9 AM Breeze forward heading SE at double reef the top sails at 2 PM more ship heading SE latter part Breeze all sail cut water employed minding the main top sail so ends this day invariable to better 1st by Ch. 67 28
 2nd by Ch. 191 25
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Remarks on board Thursday Sept 2 commences with calm water employed minding the main top sail at 2 PM hint it sun seal ships at six PM sun solar whales but going quick to the Northward haul in six distance 20 miles bearing W S W Middle part like breeze from SE thick fog heading SE main yard back at 10 PM cleared up Breeze forward steering SE at 8 AM haul on the wind heading SE all sail cut sun seal ships steering to the Northward sun seal devil fish invariable to better so ends this day No Ob.

Remarks on board Friday Sept 3 commences with light breeze from SE and clear weather heading SE all sail cut sun seal ships one hauling sun seal devil fish middle part strong breeze track in main top 9 inch and double reef the fore 3 sail latter part

Strong breeze more ship heading W S W double reef main top sail so ends this day invariable to better No Ob.

Remarks on board Saturday Sept 4 commences with strong gale back in gale main sail and fore top sail thick rainy weather at 8 AM more moderate being so under close main top sail and fore sail blowing fresh from S Middle part like hazy breeze from SE heading SE double reef the Jib and fore 3 sail double reef latter part like breeze from the SE heading SE all sail cut sun two ships so ends this day invariable about the same