

Journal on board

August 1870

Monday Aug 8th

Good weather, saw several merchant vessels in the afternoon lowered for grampuses without success, when we came on board we saw a sail running off for us it proved to be the whaling brig Abbott Source of Fairhaven Capt. Cleveland came on board so we have gammed at last. had a very pleasant time but of course it was something new

Tuesday Aug 9

Good weather with a light wind. It almost seems to me as if I was on a visit for I have only to cat. help make sail and take it in. Came in sight of St. Mary and St. Michaels Island

Wednesday Aug 10

Fine weather saw the Abbott Source again and several other sails. also the islands no work to do this day

Thursday Aug 11

Had a jolly good rain storm this forenoon and when it cleared up we found ourselves close to St. Mary kept off a little and ran along to leeward of it

Friday Aug 12

Pleasant day. was cruising around Bay St. M's. at night all of the boats lowered for grampuses with our usual success

Saturday Aug 13

Good weather several islands in sight and two or three sails. lowered a boat and picked up a barrel of naphtha and that completed our days work

Sunday Aug 14

Clear and calm in the morning in the afternoon it was squally. so we shortened sail. nothing to be seen

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Monday Aug 15th

Fine weather with a light breeze. several sails in sight and in the afternoon one ran off for us it was the whaling schooner Albert Clarence of Provincetown Capt. Bone 20 months out with 280 bbls. had a pleasant gam

Tuesday Aug 16th 1870

Good weather, and a good breeze saw the A.C. off our lee quarter under full sail we were under double reefed topsails and she came up and at noon was a little off our lee bow but we made sail and at night she was nearly out of sight off our lee quarter

Wednesday Aug 17

Good weather and several sails in sight. the only work was picking over potatoes. Albert Clarence in sight

Thursday Aug 18th 70

Another pleasant day to put down in the Journal as it is called. Gammed the Albert Clarence in the afternoon Capt. J. went on board

Friday August 19

Pleasant weather. broke out some water and other things. and this with making sail and taking it in completed our days labor. saw a spot that looked like sperm whale but it was a long day

Saturday Aug 19th

Here is another wash day to record and if I were to record every thing that was washed I think it would take some time as I paper it has been a pleasant day and there has been some heavy washing done. I have just begun to get used to washing in urine and even now some cant wash in it for the smell

Sunday August 21st

Calm. nothings in sight but the A.C. in the afternoon lowered several times for turtles and got two very looking things. I cant tell how they will taste.