

Arctic Ocean, Cruising off the East Shore

Wednesday August 11th ~ ~ ~ 1869

This day winds from North to N. East with some fog, cruising quite handy to the land there is some ice, and quite a number of ships none of them chasing, our four boats landed to day for wood brought off about two good boat loads drift wood, the day end quite pleasant, wind southerly

Latitude in 70.25 North
Longitude in 161.06 West

Thursday 12th Light winds from N. East good weather land, ships, and ice in sight, saw seals, walrus and a plenty of ducks

Friday 13th This day winds light from S. West to N. West with some fog about 30 ships in sight from mast head and two of them chasing whales, and one ship boiling land in sight and some ice end good weather

Latitude 70.20 North

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th N. East winds steady weather having the appearance of rain. from 20 to 30 ships in sight cruising not far from the land there is some drift ice Bowheads are scarce, we hear of the Bk Aurora striking one but did not save him. we see nothing but walrus, seals two seal fish, or muscle diggers

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th the winds the past two days has been from North to N. East with fog, most of the time and several ships and some ice, glamed with the Barque Vineyard, saw quite a number of walrus, and seals

Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

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Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th of August ~ ~ 1869
the past 48 hours we have had the winds from N. East to East with some fog and rain cruising among the drift ice sighted the land once there is a number of ships to be seen daily but they are doing nothing whales are scarce, we see a great number of walrus, and some pieces of ice completely covered with them

Friday 20th and Saturday 21th Light winds from East to N. East with fog most of the time nothing to be seen but ships, land, ice, a few devil fish and walrus, the question is where is the Bowheads

Sunday 22nd Light winds from the South steering in towards the land at 5 P.M. anchored our ship in 7 fathoms of water about 20 ships anchored during the day there is nothing to be seen but a plenty of ducks, and a few seals the day end South wind with rain

Monday 23rd This day winds light from South to N. East with fog and rain at 5 P.M. weighed our anchor and steered towards the South West, about all the fleet started during the day the day end rainy

Tuesday 24th Took a light breeze from the North weighed anchor and steered towards the S. West a number of ships in sight bound South the whales to be seen last year on this same ground there was a plenty of whales about this time - now the question seems to be where are they

Latitude in 70.50 N

Land in sight