

Bearque Jasper in
In August 1861

Monday 2d Commenced with Light breeze & calms at 1 PM commenced in 28 fathoms white sand & shells at 4 PM came to anchor with the Kedge Anchor in 28 fathoms at 5 the wind breezed up and took our anchor made sail steering S by W for the West part of the Island three the current setting S W 1/2 W miles per hour saw 4 ground sharks & 1 Deery at 9 came to anchor with Lardner's Anchor and at 12 PM took it again following strong from S by E on opposite tack saw a number of Grey humpbacks then ended & Land dist 25 miles

Tuesday 3d Commenced with brisk breeze standing off & on the Land saw a number of humpbacks Middle part Land dist 12 miles back of shore Boating from S by E to S by W at 1 PM Light Boat up to the Land and came to anchor in 7 fathoms sandy bottom found lying there 5 ship then ended

Wednesday 4th Commenced with Light breeze from the S by E at 3 PM Lowered the Boat for humpbacks the second Boat got 1 the Brandt Boat got one the Gold Hunting Boiling then began Boiling May cutting at 5 AM Lowered the Boat then ended

Dampier Archipelago

Thursday Aug 5th saw Whales took 1 to 1 B 1 to Brandt got stove the West Boat lost 5 B Boat steered S B 32 then ended towing the ship at 1 PM along side then ended this day

Friday 6th cutting Lowered but without success at sundown finished cutting the ship got 1 whale then ended Mated with the Brandt-Letter part got one 15 B 1 B then ended Boiling

Saturday 7th Boiling all 3 Boats off all day John Vile missed one Whale got none to the fleet the old man finding fault with me about everything nothing right & Mending Boat

Sunday 8th Boiling 2 Boats off the mate of the Brandt struck LB B 40 a Whale calf 8 Lowered struck the cow turned her up 4 miles from the ship put on 5 Boats and towed her to the ship the fleet got 2

Monday continuing 2 Boats off 3 1/2 at 12 finished and at 8 commenced Boiling saw few Whales got none to the fleet

Tuesday 2 boats off Boiling got 1 whale to the B L B took him to the Brandt the did not come on board the fleet got no

Whales