

July.

1st Aug
1859

Foggy weather strong breeze from off shore. Lying at anchor on the N.E. side of St. Lawrence Island broke out water bed and park. we celebrated the fourth by firing 8 guns and trading with the Esquimaux Indians they were 8 canoes, alongside with about 150 natives all hands trading for ivory, copper, skins and furs.

5th Aug
Foggy weather weighed anchor this morning at 3 o'clock starting on the wind with the wind S. under close reefed topsails. Charles came on deck on duty to day. Hunter is quite sick the 1st and 3rd mate gave him a new mattress and bed clothes to day. broke out canvas sun obscure.

6th Aug
Fine weather light breeze from the N. steering W. broke out coffee and flour at 7 o'clock P.M. lowered the Starboard boat wallusser while the boat was down we raised a Bow Head whale close to the ship did not see him but two risings. saw a new Starboard boat falls saw a sail on our lee beam main land and St. Lawrence Island in sight.

7th Aug
Fine light breeze from the S. steering N. by W. saw a Bow Head whale at 7 o'clock. At night lowered all 4 boats but without success. also saw ripsacks, walrus and seals in under the main land. Lat 63 50. Long 171 23. W.

8th Aug
Fine weather strong breeze from the N.E. raised St. Lawrence Island at 8 o'clock this forenoon ran in and anchored within 4 of miles of the watering place got a raft of 8 casks of apparel stored it in the hold. 12 canoes alongside trading the Captain sent a gunning shot 12 ducks. Lat 65. 71. Long 170. 28. W.

9th Aug
Fine weather light breeze this morning the ice came down from the head off the Bay, and blocked the way so we could not get out at 3 o'clock P.M. the tide turned and cleared a passage for us to go through weighed anchor and stood out of the bay, some canoes came off with ivory, skins, furs, ducks, and other things, saw ripsacks. Hunter is about the same. There is heavy layers of ice coming down the bay.

July 10th
1859

Sunday

Pleasant weather light breeze from the S. S. steering E. by S. picked the Ducks this morning there 18 in all. broke out beef, spoke the ship Magnolia of New Bedford Capt. Pierce. 6 whales this season as she was gumming with the Mary, B. Sasser yesterday they came in contact with each other the Magnolia carried away her Starboard booms and spig-jib boom. They are in company with each other and are going into St. Lawrence Bay. To repair damages over 4 weeks on our lee bow also saw plenty ripsacks Lat 65 58.

11th Aug
Tue.

Thick fog all day. strong breeze from the S. W. steering on the wind under double reefed topsails beating to the windward. Cape Prince of Wales is not far off. sun obscure. Hunter is no better yet. saw plenty ripsack whales

12th Aug
Wed.

Foggy weather light breeze from the S. steering N. E. passed within 70 miles of Kings Island. The coast of North America is in sight ahead broke out molasses and beef. repaired the cooks stove. sun obscure.

13th Aug
Thurs.

Dropped anchor this morning in a thick fog about 12 miles from cleared up weighed anchor and stood in land for wood spoke the ship Henry Threland and the bark Paulina they have been in and got wood. we dropped anchor at 6 o'clock P.M. in 24 fathoms of water we are about miles from the Cape Prince of Wales. began to get off. wood saw a trading brief at anchor.

14th Aug
Fri.

Fine weather part of the day light breeze from the N. steering on the wind heading S. S. W. got 15 boat loads of wood and a spar to make a topgallant yard of. got through getting off wood at 8 in the morning. the carpenter bought a dog of the natives eating rope wood and stowing it in the after hold. 2 past 3. weighed anchor made sail steering on the wind Kings Island is in sight. all hands asleep aft. and we got on, reckoning.

15th Aug
Sat.

Foggy weather until noon. cleared up with the wind from the S. gumming before the wind heading N. cutting wood and stowing it in the hold. the carpenter and the old man is making a main top gallant yard out of the spar