

Bark Louisa About the Ice AD 1859

" Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> "

Commenced with a light breeze from the N.W. laying aback heavy ice all around us also a thick fog nothing doing. Middle part a thick fog laying aback. Latter part a light breeze from N.E. and foggy working out of the ice

" Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> "

Commenced with a fine breeze from the N.E. working out of the ice a sail off Starb quarter at 5 P.M. kept off course N.E. set the main royal. Middle part a light breeze from the N.E. steering S. under all sail a beautiful night. Latter part a light breeze from the N.E. steering N.W. a thick fog as usual nothing doing "

" Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> "

Commenced with a fine breeze from the N.W. steering by the wind heading N.W. Middle part a fine breeze from the N.W. and clear steering by the wind heading N.W. Latter part the same nothing in sight "

" Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> "

Commenced with a light breeze from the S.W. a thick weather. Middle part calm with a clear sky. Latter part a fine breeze from the East steering N. under all sail 2 sails off Starb quarter

" Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> "

Commenced with a fine breeze from the East steering N. under all sail. Sent the cutting blocks aloft and rove the falls. St. Jonas Island at 3 P.M. was 115 miles distant bearing West. Middle part a light breeze from the East steering N. Latter part calm gamming with Ship Montazuma of New London Bark Empire on the weather beam saw fin backs

About St. Jonas Island 1859

" Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> "

Commenced with a light breeze gamming with Ship Montazuma at 6 P.M. raised St. Jonas Island 30 miles distant bearing N.W. Middle part a light breeze from the N.W. heading N.W. Latter a fine breeze from the N.W. steering S.W. under all sail passed St. Jonas Island at 11 P.M. 2 sail in sight no ice around

" Monday 6<sup>th</sup> "

Commenced with a fine breeze from N.W. steering S.W. at 3 P.M. came up to the ice & sail about. the weather fine, at 4 P.M. took in gaff topsail and furlled the main sail steering through strips of ice at 3 P.M. 20 miles to the S.W. of the Island at 5 P.M. raised a bow head going quick to the body of ice lost the run of him 10 P.M. 2 Barks in sight spoke Ship General Williams of New London & Montis out with 800 lbs. whale oil who reported the death of Capt Palmer of Bark King Fisher. Middle part a strong breeze under double reef topsails laying aback in the ice. Latter part a fine breeze about the ice looking for whales. Bark John J. Wests boats fast whale spouting so ends thus 24 hours "

" Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> "

Commenced with a strong breeze from the E.S.E. steering around the ice looking for whales. Middle part the same 2 Barks in sight. Latter part a fine breeze running through the ice not a whale to be seen

" Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> "

Commenced with a fine breeze from the N.W. steering N.E. under all sail. Spoke Ship Minerva Crowell master bound to the S.W. of the ice. Middle part the same. Latter part fine weather steering N.E. put out S.B. Boat & a new Starb quarter boat. all sail out