

Remarks On Board Of Bark Lydia Of New Bedford

Saturday August 18th 1866

Commenced moderate breeze from the north heading E. N. E. with passing fog squally middle and latter part calm and foggy 9 AM spoke President Kelly 5 Whales the season ends clear weather and calm gaming with the President. 27 Ships in sight

Latt Obs 70° 55' N Long by Chron 170° 55' W

Sunday Augth 19th

Continues calm gaming. 5 P.M. saw Whales and 15 or 20 boats in chase. broke up the gam and lowered for them. could not get fast 9 AM took up the boats. Middle part clear backing in and off from the sea on 2 hour tack. Latter part thick fog saw a Whale close to the ship. Ends foggy

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Monday Augth 20th

Still continues foggy and fresh breeze from the S. E. making short tack in and off from the sea. Middle part the same. Latter part fresh breeze and clear weather from N. E. heading various courses saw about 20 Ships some of them whaling spoke the Sagoda 10 Whales and G. Howland 4 Whales the season at Meridian saw a Whale and lowered for him

Latt Obs 71° 00' N Long by Chron 170° 24' W

Tuesday Augth 21st

The wind and weather the same 3 P.M. took up the boats could not catch the Whale saw 3 Ships get Whales spoke the Tho Dickerson nothing since we saw her last 6 P.M. had a gam with the Milo. Middle part fresh breeze. Latter part fresh breeze from the Northward and cloudy smoky weather saw no Whales but plenty of Ships and some sea. If this is not hard whaling I never saw any. the season almost up and only 250 bbls oil and poor prospect ahead of us for any more. Ends cloudy

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Thos W. Hathaway Master Cruising In the Arctic Ocean

Wednesday August 22nd 1866

Continues fresh breeze from N. E. heading to the S. E. 2 P.M. spoke Tho Dickerson and had a gam. Strong breeze through the night. Latter part of this day saw a Whale lowered but saw no more of him ends the same 17 Ships in sight some of them boiling one cutting.

Latt 71° 03' N

Thursday Augth 23rd

Commenced strong breeze from the N. E. and thick weather with some rain 3 P.M. spoke the Congress 3 Whales the season middle and latter part moderate. part of time clear and the balance foggy and smoky weather. Saw 20 Ships 7 of them boiling and some chasing Whales but we cannot see any to chase. Ends cloudy & Rainy wind N. W.

No Obs

Friday Augth 24th

Continues moderate wind N. W. Saw 5 Ships chasing N. E. W. N. E. and lowered our boats also. saw nothing took up the boats. Rainy dirty weather Middle part hazy weather. 3 AM saw Whales and lowered for them. come in light fog lost the run of them 3.30 took up boats 7.30 saw more Whales lowered and chased but could not get fast. at Meridian took up boats. Saw 7 Ships take Whales Ends cloudy fresh breeze from N. W. 22 Ships in sight

Latt Obs 70° 45' N Long 169° 48' W

Saturday Augth 25th

The wind and weather the same 1 P.M. lowered for more Whales but could not hook any. 4 P.M. lowered again but it was no go. came on board. Middle part moderate Latter part light breeze from S. E. W. 7 AM saw Whales lowered for them but did away calm could not get on to them at Meridian took up the boats 17 Ships in sight some of them boiling one cutting. Ends cloudy & calm

Latt Obs 70° 42' N

Long by Chron 169° 54' W