

Ship Mary Fraser.

1855.

Tuesday July 31st 1855.

most part of these 24 hours moderate breeze from the N. cloudy and foggy. 3 Boats off cruising.
P.M. finished stowing down. Chocked off Grain hold, opened 1st & 2nd ports.

Wednesday August 1st

most part moderate breeze, foggy and hazy weather all the Boats cruising for Whales, about 15 ships in the neighbourhood. so end

Thursday August 2nd

first part fine breeze from the N. and fair weather, all the Boats off, found a Whale that was nearly dead, had a line attached to him got him to the ship at 11 A.M. A.M. strong breeze at N.E. and stormy weather, some heavy ice passing the ship, at 2 A.M. Anchored in 10 fms water 6 or 8 miles from shore 8 or 10 ships in the vicinity. While underway to the whale got into heavy ice, and broke the larbel Anchor stock, it being an iron one.
John Barry has sick 3 or 4 days.

Friday August 3rd

P.M. moderate breeze and calm thick fog and some Rain cut in the whale and commenced boiling. A.M. moderate breeze and fair weather 3 Boats cruising for Whales. employed boiling.

Saturday August 4th

moderate variable winds and calm mostly hazy weather P.M. found a dead whale got him to the ship at midnight A.M. cut him in and commenced boiling.
B. Boat came to the ship at night.

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Sunday August 5th

P.M. fine breeze at N.E. mostly clear weather, no ice in sight. A.M. light airs and calm, at 10 A.M. finished boiling, the two whales made about 100 bl. got an Anchor stock from Joseph Haydon.

Monday August 6th

all these 24 hours light airs and calm, most part clear weather. P.M. employed washing down. A.M. stowing down oil of side & hold, all the Boats on board, no whales seen, and but very little ice in sight. about 20 ships in sight.
West head of South Gulph bearing N dist 15 miles

Tuesday August 7th

P.M. light airs and calm, clear and fine weather, no whales in sight. finished stowing down 110 bl. A.M. fine breeze from the N. at 8 got underway, and Boat to the N. took the larbel Anchor on deck and fitted the stock into it. started 40 Bl water out of short casks into 4 Pipes.

Wednesday August 8th

first part fresh breeze at N.N.W. hazy weather Boat to the N. all sail set, at 7 P.M. Anchored in 15 fms water, about 3 miles from shore, and about 10 from the place we left. Middle and latter part moderate breeze and calm, with thick fog, all hands on board, it being too foggy to go anywhere.

Thursday August 9th

P.M. smart breeze at N.W. at 3 the fog lifted. some took the Anchor and stood to N.N.E. at 6 Anchored in 18 fms water, it being thick fog. Middle and latter part light breeze and calm, thick fog and some Rain, too dark to get underway.