

1865

Ship, Mary Fraser, - Cruising in the Bay,

Friday, August 10th 1853

all the 24 hours moderate breeze and calm, most part thick and foggy. P.M. fog lifted some at 3 P.M. got underway with the wind N.E. stood to the N.W. at 6 Anchored in 18 fms water. Walrus Point bearing N. Dist 15 miles, eight or 10 ships at anchor, in the vicinity. A.M. sent off 3 boats cruising for Whales,

Saturday, August 11th

all the 24 hours moderate variable winds and calm, most part of the time thick fog. 3 boats off cruising for Whales. P.M. got underway and went up towards Walrus Point. Anchored about 20 miles from shore, in 18 fms water. so ends

Sunday, August 12th

all these 24 hours moderate variable and calm most part thick fog. 3 boats off cruising. Started 11 A.M. out of the Bask from shore. A.M. one of the boats returned to the ship.

Monday, August 13th

P.M. moderate variable winds and calm first part the fog lifted a little, at 2 P.M. got underway and worked up to the Passage into Shantar Bay, it soon set in thick fog. Anchored about 3 miles from shore. Middle part thick fog, latter part it cleared a little at times, wind moderate at N.N.W. at 7 A.M. got underway and work towards the Passage, it soon set in thick, saw the land occasionally, at noon saw Nagai Island bearing N.E. Dist 1 mile by estimation, which proved that we were in the mouth of the Passage, it being very thick fog, not safe to go through though the wind and tide were both fair. Anchored in 18 fms

Monday, August 13th Continued

tide running about 5 knots. A.M. 2 boats belonging to the caravan came alongside. Could not find their ship. Remained on board all night, so ends.

Tuesday, August 14th

P.M. strong breeze at 1 P.M. very thick fog and a rough sea at 5 the fog lifted a little, took the anchor and stood to S.E. a mile or so to get out of the face of the tide, it was then running 5 or 7 knots. A.M. moderate breeze from N.E. to N. thick fog, and not safe to get underway, the ship began to lurching the tide from us.

Wednesday, August 15th

P.M. light airs at A.M. at 2 the fog lifted a little took the anchor with a fair tide it soon thickened again, at 5 Anchored in 22 fms water, could not see our position, it being so thick. Middle and latter part light airs and thick fog. Could see the top the land occasionally, opened a Pipe of Bread.

Thursday, August 16th

P.M. moderate easterly winds and calm, at 1 got underway and drifted with the tide through the Passage, at 3 P.M. Anchored some 20 miles S.W. of the Passage about 10 miles from shore. Saw considerable many Whales, however but did not strike, about 30 ships in sight. at 5 A.M. lowered all the boats. Plenty of Whales among the ice, and probably 30 Whales struck during the day, so ends.

Friday, August 17th

P.M. light airs and calm clear and fine weather. J. & L. boats got a small Whale each. A.M. 3 boats cruising, cut in the Whales. Saw a great many Whales but did not strike, about 200 boats in the vicinity, and probably 12 or 15 Whales taken, very little ice in sight. Sold a Wedge to back Philip 1st of Saghalien. Started from Bask & Remained of Bask that came out of the ship Washington so ends.