

1855

Journal of a Whaling Voyage on Board

Monday August 27th 1855

P.M. moderate variable winds. most part thick and foggy. worked the ship to the North. Between Shantar and Dicklastoff lands. at 6 P.M. Anchored in 18 fms water. 2 miles from Shantar shore. A.M. strong breezes from N.W. to W. at 4 got underway. worked out through the passage to the N. saw 2 whales also in shore to trough to lower. latter part stood to the Eastward along the North shore of Shantar island. opened Bl. Reef & Cork.

Tuesday August 28th

P.M. smart breeze from the Westward clear weather. Passed Between Jager Shantar and N. Shantar. saw a Bow head in the passage. also saw Ripsacks. hauled without success. Middle part stood to the N. latter part light airs and calm fine weather. spoke Ship Brutes of of Warren 1300 lbs the season. at noon N. Shantar Bearing S.W. Dist 15 miles.

Wednesday August 29th

all through hours light airs from the Westward and calm. Clear and fine weather. large swell from the N. stood by the wind to the N.E. nothing in sight. at N. Shantar Bearing S.S.W. Dist 20 miles. Lat 55° 28' N.

Thursday August 30th

first part of the 24 hours moderate breeze from the Westward. Clear and fine weather. P.M. stood by the wind to the N. latter part stood S.E. no whales to be seen. employed at various jobs. at noon N. Shantar Bearing S. Dist about 20 miles. saw several ships steering to the N.

Ship Mary Pruzier of New Bedford

Friday August 31st 1855

most part of the 24 hours fine breezes from N.W. to S.W. Clear and fine weather. stood to S.E. P.M. spoke Ship young Phoenix of N. Bedford. 480 lbs the season. A.M. Passed East head of South Gulf. at noon Cape Island Bearing N. Dist 15 miles. Lat 55° 25' N. Round Island Bearing N.W. from Cape Island Dist 25 miles. North Shantar Bearing N.W. Dist 30 miles. 40 miles.

Saturday Sept 1st 1855

all through hours moderate breeze from the westward with fair weather. stood to the S.E. for Sachalin Gulf. at midnight fell in with a dead whale which had been killed a considerable time took him along side and cut him in. at 9 commenced hauling. at noon nearest land to the Westward Dist about 20 miles.

Sunday Sept 2nd

Commenced with fine breeze at S.W. and fair weather. Middle and latter part moderate breeze. mostly hazy and smoky weather. stood different courses. at A.M. finished hauling. saw one Bowhead. one rising going to N.W. at noon nearest land to S.W. Dist by estimation 15 miles. Soundings 10 to 12 fms. tide very strong. Lat 53° 50' N.

Monday Sept 3rd

P.M. moderate breezes from S.W. to S.E. hazy smoky weather. first part stood different courses. middle part lay aback in Sachalin Bay. latter part strong breezes from S.W. to W. from 4 to 9 A.M. stood S.E. then hauled up N.E. along the E. shore of the Bay. at 10. made Reef the topsail. hauled Mainsail. at noon Cape Maria Bearing N.E. Dist about 20 miles. then blowing strong and very rough sea. opened Reef & Cork. Lat 54° 12' N.