

Two other ships, on board of us, across the ice, heard
2 saw heads below in the ice

Wednesday June 3rd

Light breeze from N and
fine weather. Ice packed close around us, all
sail set trying to pass through the ice. At 8
AM left the ice and 2 blubber hooks on the
big chase. Tied out 60 fathoms. At 1 PM took the
the anchor, the shank of the anchor broke off.
Ice packed too close for the anchor to hold the
ship. At 4 PM the ice packed up, all the
ships worked up bay several miles. We worked
up to Washington Head with in 1/2 mile. Barre
N.W. At 9 PM the ice packed close. So we could
not move the ship. 15 sail in sight. Most of them
close by. Most all the ships worked some to start
them along. We are too near Washington Head. 2
men came on board of us from one of the ships.
Last night 18-45 August (Duchman) Dezerter.
I think he went on board one of the ships.

Thursday July 1st

Commenced with foggy, laying with
big anchor down with stock unstayed 18 fathoms
water, and off Washington Head. At 11 cleared up
took the anchor, set all sail and worked up
bay through the ice. At 4 PM anchored 10 miles
to the S.W. of Washington Head. Ice very thick
and packs so an anchor will not drag the ship
through the ice. Heard and saw about 20 whales
in the ice, 9 ships to the S.W. of Washington Head.

Wednesday July 1st

First part calm and fine
weather all day and very warm. Laying in the
ice with all sail set. Worked hard all the fore
noon trying to pass the ship up bay through
the ice. Could not get her, ice packed too
much. 12 sail to the S.W. of Washington Head
and all lost in the ice. At 4 PM started
the ship ahead with light breeze from E. At
8 PM we had warped and sailed one mile through
the ice and came in to scattering ice, more
clear water than ice. All hands very happy
to find some water where we can get our
boats in the water once more. At 9 PM we
anchored with big anchor, stock unstayed,
and shot 6 mile off and in sight. We are
the head ship at present. Shortened sail
for the night, and steered the ship through
the ice as the current takes the ice past us.
A boat steered and a carpenter came from the
ship Omega & Bedford across the ice and came
on board of us and went in to the fore castle.
I think they came to coax some of my men
away. Thunder and lightning in the South.

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Thursday 3rd

Light wind from E and fine wa-
ther. A boat 6 mile to clear water. In the
morning took the anchor and worked up bay
through the ice. At 6 AM sent 3 boats
up bay whaling. At 4 PM got up to the land
spit, in clear water. Anchored 1 mile W of the
land spit, in 7 fathoms water. The boats struck
3 whales, got 2 along side. The other turned the
boat over and took 500 fathoms of line. Saw
quite a number of whales to the S.W. of the land