

Arctic Ocean A.D. 1853

Saturday Aug 8. Moderate winds from N. N. E. to E. a heading N. N. to N. and E. to S. E. on the other. Thick fog about 25 of the day. We lowered several times for Bow Head but without success. Lat by obs 67° 35' Long by chron 170° 13' W.

Sunday Aug 9. Fresh and middle parts moderate breezes from E. by N. and N. under double reefed topsails a heading to and fro. Lowered several times for whales but without success. Several sails in sight and most all of them whaling without success the whales being so wild.

Monday Aug 10. Fresh gales from N. E. to N. W. a heading to and from under double reefed topsails. Several sails in sight several sails in sight and one a sailing. Employed in binding a new jigger topsail.

Tuesday Aug 11. Fresh gales from N. to N. N. W. a heading N. E. to E. N. E. on one tack and N. to N. N. W. on the other under double reefed topsails with quite fair weather.

Wednesday Aug 12. Strong gales from Northward a heading E. N. E. on one tack N. N. W. on the other. Ship under close reefed topsails and reefed foresail.

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Thursday Aug 13. B. B. Come with strong winds from North by wind close reefed topsails and foresail in company with two ships.

Friday Aug 14. Moderate winds from N. a heading E. N. E. and N. N. W. with some fog. Latter part quite clear. Lat by obs 67° 42' N. Long. chron 170° 56' W.

Saturday Aug 15. Moderate winds from N. with thick fog a heading to and fro.

Sunday Aug 16. Light winds from E to S. E. Fresh and middle parts thick fog. Latter part quite clear we lowered for whales tried but without success. Lat by obs 68° 13' N. Long. chron 169° 49' W.

Monday Aug 17. Light airs and calms from Easterly. Spoke the Alexander with two whales. Sold 1 pipe of blubber. Employed in binding new sails. Put fore and main topsails.

Tuesday Aug 18. Light airs and calms from Easterly and by N. Saw several Bow Head but did not lower.

Wednesday Aug 19. Fresh winds from N. under double reefed topsails. The most of the time rain and hazy weather. We saw whales and lowered without success. Saw several ships a chasing.