Ship Nimrod In The Arctic Ocean In 1850

Wednesday July the 31st

Commences with thick stormy weather and a breeze of wind from the N W Ship under easy sail heading N W & at ½ P M hauled the Main yard a back the weather being thick & stormy Mid part & Latter thick weather of the same this day N Lt this day

Thursday August 1st

Commences with a moderate breeze from the N W and thick weather ship lying with main yard aback at ½ P M spoke Ship Samuel Roberson of Fairhaven 12 whales Mid part fair weather, Ship heading N W & by the wind Latter part calm & thick fog have not had an Obs for 13 days at dark the American coast is in sight judge the Land to be 10 miles off this day

Friday Aug the 2nd

Commences with a light air from the S and thick weather Ship steering W by S saw abundance of Drift Wood the Ship Samuel Roberson of Fairhaven in company Mid part & Latter as above at ½ P M luffed by the wind & hauled aback the Main yard this day Ship heading S W by W wind S S E

Saturday Aug 3rd

Commences with a moderate breeze from the S S E & thick fog Ship lying aback heading S W by W at ½ P M Bore Ship Mid part & latter a light air & thick weather this day Ship lying with main yard aback heard several Whales & spouting around the Ship judged them to be the Gray backs

Sunday Aug 4th

Commences with light airs & calm and a thick fog Mid part a light air from the N Ship lying aback heading W by N Latter part a breeze from the Eastward at 10 A M cleared up saw Whales lowered our boats for them end fair weather boats off in chase of Whales one ship in sight

Lat 68° 50' N Long 170° 00' W

Monday Aug 5th

Commences with fair weather and a fresh breeze from the S E employed in chasing Whales a number of them in sight Mid part squally frequent Shower some rain at 1 A M took in the Bore & Mizzen Topsails Latter part a gale of wind from the Westward Ship heading N W

Lat 25° 0' Ser

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Tuesday Aug 6th

Commences a gale of wind from the Westward Ship lying under double reefed Main Topsail & Foresail heading N W Mid part wind W S W Ship heading N W at 4 P M blew reefed the Main Topsail took in the Foresail Latter part more moderate at 5 P M at the Foresail at 8 set double reefed Topsails this end

Lat 64° 20' N Long 171° 15' W

Wednesday Aug 7th

Commences with fresh gales from the S S W & stormy weather Ship under double reefed Topsails heading West at 5 P M wore ship the wind canting in to the Westward Mid part Ship heading S S W the weather hazy Latter part a gale of wind from the Westward ship lying under close reefed Main Topsail & Foresail heading S this end

Lat 62° 12' N Long 171° 45' W

Thursday Aug the 8th

Commences with a gale of wind from the Westward Ship lying under close reefed Main Topsail & Foresail heading from S to S S W Mid part & Latter more moderate but stormy weather this end Ship with double reefed Topsails set no Obs this day

Friday Aug 9th

Commences with moderate breezes & stormy weather, Ship with whole Topsails set heading S S W by the wind Mid part calm saw several Whales going to the Westward fast Latter part frequent squalls of snow this end

Lat 58° 50' N Long 173° 00' W

Saturday Aug 10th

Commences with fair weather at ½ P M saw a number of Whales lowered our Boats got one of them & lay to him in Mid part employed in boiling a breeze of wind from the Westward, frequent snow Latter part fine weather all hands boats off in chase of Whales this end

Sunday Aug 11th

Commences with fine weather a number of Whales in sight but very wild all the Boats off in chase at ½ P M got fast at 8 got him to the ship by dark heavy & had him to tow Mid part lying by the Whale & boiling Latter part a snow storm at ½ P M commenced cutting at 11 finished this end