

Monday August 22^d 1859.

This day commenced about as usual. The gam broke up last night about 12 o'clock. the mate came on board and took the cocher back with him to stay all night so as to do some blacksmithing the next day. Captain Mass came and stayed with us until after dark when we with signal for our mate to return. We are rigging out a starboard bow boat and having no convenience for working iron was obliged to go gaming and have it done. We are a piece off here and I am afraid we shall be still poorer before the voyage is ended. Nothing in sight but two or three sail. Quite a good breeze and strong weather current.

Tuesday August 23^d 1859.

This day commenced with fine pleasant weather and a moderate breeze. Only one sail in sight (the Chapoleon). The mate and carpenter quite busy setting the dories for the boat. The watch employed cleaning the gracles and Mincing machine and others picking oakum. Our important personage has been quite decent the past few days he has been quite still not hollering nor cursing as much as usual. I hope he will keep so the rest of this cruise as it will make it much more agreeable to all on board. Very strong breeze, the Chapoleon to windward.

No gaming to day "Good"

Wednesday August 24th 1859.

This day commenced with quite a strong breeze but soon died away calm this forenoon there were two sail in sight. About 4 P.M. one of the ships made signals for a gam ran down and spoke her (the Mary Francis) and captain Hamblin went on board. Lost the gun of her in the evening so he will have to stop all night and their mate and third mate here. Light air from S. E. Two men in each watch and no boatswains left. The Mary Francis hails little over 200 hump back since we saw her last. The rock in sight on lee beam,

Thursday August 25th 1859.

This day commenced with a calm and thick foggy weather. about seven A.M. cleared up and saw the Mary Francis on our weather quarter also the ship Waver. at about 10 sent word to us for their mate and third mate to return which they did about eleven when our captain came back after having been gone all night, as soon as we got all straight again commenced to pivot and hitate the ends of the running rigging forward on the starboard side. It has been quite pleasant the latter part of the day with a fresh breeze. The current has changed setting to leeward but not very strong yet. At sunset two sail in sight. So ends this day.

Friday August 26th 1859.

This day commenced with a very strong breeze and disagreeable squally weather carrying sail pretty hard beating to windward, about daylight moderated down to a calm and quite clear. several sail in sight to windward. There has been not much going on, hitating the rigging. Boiled a new line for the bow boat. Latter part moderate breeze saw a Hump back, some Blackfish and Porpoises. At sunset three sail in sight. Heading in towards North Heads.

So Ends

Saturday August 27th 1859.

This day commenced with a light air and thick cloudy weather. Last night just after sunset discovered a fire on the high land in back of North Heads. it was a long distance off but it shone up very handsome as the night was quite dark. Three sail in sight. This afternoon got the starboard bow boat on her cranes, also washed of the ship inside and out. for she was covered with cinders from the fire. There has been nothing in sight of the whale kind. As for myself I don't much care whether we see anything or not and I am not the only one either. she beats all vessels that I ever was on board of as for scrubbing and washing.

We are used as though we were all state prison convicts officers and all. the mate expects that we will take hold just the same as a foreman and we have done so but after this I will not for I did not ship to do all hands duty. I have done now let's come what will. I am prepared and thank God it is not to last forever probably 6 months longer and then I leave her by hook or crook.