1861 Bark Isabella in the Arctic Ocean

Sunday 21st July 1861

21st Moderate wind W W standing to the N gamming with the Thos Dickason & Martha at 9 got on Board & kept of S E by E Middle post fine, Latter do Lat 67 61

Monday 22nd

22nd Fine wind W W cou S E by E all sail set at 4 Loweed for Kipsacks cou E S E, sail in sight Middle post fine Latter do Boiling Walrus at 10 saw a whale Loweed & Struck, Killed, Took along side

Tuesday 23rd

23rd Strong gales from the W hoisted on commenced cutting took the throat & Lips & Knocked of very Buggy, Lying with the whale length of the chain at 10 parted chain Sent a Boat to Lay by the whale Made Sail Working up to the whale Latter part Moderate Moderate

Wednesday 24th

24th Strong gales from the W working around the whale Boat laying by the whale at 9 took along side & commenced cutting Stored all clean, Lighted fires & commenced Boiling Cleared of W W W

Thursday 25th.

25th Strong gales from the W rain Boiling Middle post Same Latter do

Friday 26th

26th Strong gales & Buggy Boiling Spoke the Fabius & Julian gamming Middle post More Moderate Latter Saw whales Loweed & chased

Saturday 27th

27th Strong gales & Buggy Boiling Middle post the Same Latter & chasing whales

Sunday 28th

28th Moderate wind W cooled down Boat down chasing Middle post fine Latter do Breaking out to Star chased whales Lots of Ship in sight

Bark Isabella

Monday 29th July 1861

29th Foggy & Rainy Stowing down oil Middle & Latter past the Same, chasing whales Stowing oil &c

Tuesday 30th

30th Fine, wind all around the compass Stowing down Loweed Boat chased & chased very shy Spoke Pennsylvania See 6 whales

Wednesday 31st

31st Fine wind all around Stowing off, Loweed & chased at 4 Loweed & Struck Killed Took along side & commenced cutting at 9 a m got through Cleared decks &c

Thursday 1st August 1861

1st Wind E fine & pleasant heading W Lighted fires Middle past fine Latter do 21 ships saw whale

Friday 2nd

2nd 24 Mos out 800 Bbls wind E & different tacks Boiling Saw 3 whale going quick, Middle past Strong gales Snow & Rain Latter do setting up Shooks

Saturday 3rd Lat 67 41 Long 169 41

3rd Moderate Light & calm heading S E Boiling at 6 heading S S W wind W Fabius got a whale 1 ship whaling setting up Shooks &c Middle past Strong gales Latter do hard gales

Sunday 4th

4th. Hard gales at S heading E Nose to the W close reefed main top sail Boiling Middle past Moderate Latter do fine all sail set Loweed for a whale 3 ships Boiling & whaling

Monday 5th

5th. Fine wind S W & Light, Boats down for whale, Struck, Killed, Took along side, cut in, at 11 got in nose Ship cleared decks, Latter part Starting water

Tuesday 6th

6th. Fine heading to W W Main top sail set, Stowing oil Middle post do Latter part made sail Stowing oil 3 Main tacks &c Wednesday 7th 3 Royals

7th Fine wind E by N S E heading to S W top sails set Stowing oil filled fore hold at 8 spoke Bark Fanny Started fires & commenced Boiling Middle fine Latter do all sail set Boiling Boiling Boiling Boiling Repairs