

1861 Bark Isabella in the Arctic Ocean

Monday 23rd

23rd. Moett wind NW heading SE Stoning
down, & Boiling. Middle post Moett Steaming to
the S latter do burning to Cape East
Stoning down oil

Tuesday 24th

24th. Fine wind NW con S short sail Stoning
oil to Stoning of Meat. Visited by Natives
off Cape East, Middle post fine light winds
from the NW latter do light airs & Calms of
St Lawrence Bay

Wednesday 25th

25th. Fine light wind from the NW at 2 at SE
visited by Natives from the Bay, Boiling,
at 4 put out fires cooled down Middle post
wind S working to the S all sail set and in
light strong breezes & stronger current

Bar very high

Thursday 26th

26th. Strong breezes from SE S E heading S S W to SW
at 2 nose to the E. Latter might have been
through, if I had not, called my time away,
uncom fort able, Middle post Moett latter do

Bar falling

Friday 27th Lat 65 00, Long 170 11

27th. Fine light airs at SE heading S all sail set
at 4 wind E con S by E along the land, Middle
post fine latter do wind E made St Lawrence
Island bearing S S E in Cape Cross Lat 64 20

Saturday 28th Long 171 30

28th. Moett wind E, S E con S S W & S W all sail set
at 6 passed the N end of the Island, steaming S W wind
N E Middle post strong gales latter do con S S E

Sunday 29th Lat 62 30 Long 172 35

29th. Strong gales at E con S S E double reefs to
beizge. Wanted some thing to do began a post
boat for my gun Middle post fine latter
to Stoning down oil

Lat 61 58 Long 173 45

Bark Isabella Bering Sea 1861

Monday 30th Sept

30th. Moett wind S S E heading S W Main by sail
Stoning down oil Stoned of 40 Middle post.
Strong gales latter do fog & rain Lat 60 30

Tuesday 1st Oct Long 174 30

1st. Moett wind S rose to the E S E top sails set
foggy & rainy. Middle post Moett wind S E rose to
the SW. latter post wind E Stoning of & clearing up,
between decks.

Wednesday 2nd Oct

2nd. Moett wind NW con E S E all sail set clearing
up between decks, Middle post strong gales latter
do con S S E. Working on my girls mat

Thursday 3rd

3rd. Strong gales at NW con S S E main by sail
set, making a mat & muzzing my love for
my sweet wife, strong increasing gales Middle post
strong gales double reefed latter post same wind
NW

Friday 4th Lat 65 30 Long 172 32

4th. Strong gales at NW con S S E all double reefed
at 4 S E S set main by sail & Middle post
same, at 6 wind S W to S latter post the
wind from SW to S heading to the S E

Saturday 5th

5th. Moett wind from S to S W at 2 see a right
whale finised & chased. We got on board
at 6. Kept off S S E wind NW Middle post Moett
at daylight made the land in the pass strong
gales at NW con S S E Lat 62 08
at 10 through

Sunday 6th Long 171 14

6th. Strong gales at NW con S E all sail set
Middle post wind S at 4 double reefed top sails
handed jib & main sail fore top sail to latter post
a gale. Rainy. & thick. Set fore top sail close reefed

Monday 7th

7th. Strong gales at S to S S W double reefed top sails
Middle post the same. latter do top sail set