

218 days out 218 219 Thursday July 21st 1853
land to the eastward with fog and small rain. At 4 in the morning commenced breaking out the after hold on the carbons and forward for the purpose of stowing oil. Bad weather for boiling and stowing but I am glad to have it to do. If any one can reasonably find fault with the work it is the foremen hands who get nothing for their labour.

219 Friday July 22nd
Rain and fog all day. All hands stowing down and boiling till 4 when we stopped stowing for want of casks of a proper size. The watch turned in in the morning and I went to setting up shooks at half past 10 called the watch and took dinner and the other watch turned in. Our neighbour in sight.

220 Saturday July 23rd
Wind E.S.E. and more pleasant. At 3 in the afternoon called the watch and finished stowing the after hold for the present. Came with the forward part of the hatch. It took 177 bbls. At dark it set in to rain and continued to by spells throughout the day although we make out to boil but it is disagreeable work. Our neighbour in sight 5 miles.

221 Sunday July 24th
Rising all day and very disagreeable weather for boiling. Finished at Meridian. At 2 P.M. Our neighbour halled aback about a mile off our lee and set a signal at the mizen peak so our Capt took 3 men and went on board and Mr. Bryant came here and as he is a very clever man and understands spinning yarns we had a very pleasant time notwithstanding the weather. His house is getting well fast and will probably go in the boat again soon. The retired at midnight (See particulars the other side). Another has hoped with many worldly cares as well as desires and perhaps few of us has realized in one day nearer than it was yesterday and what is still worse are not so well prepared to leave for another world. Many our eyes be opened in my prayer.

222 Monday July 25th 1853
No whales in sight and some of the crew getting discouraged but it is not best to despair. Set up 4 little new shooks 2 on 24 and one 26. The Capt said if we get no more oil they will do for water when we get in port. In the P.M. rained washed of deck and the distant part part of the bulwarks &c. The P.M. more pleasant. Wind E.S.E. Steering W.

223 Tuesday July 26th
Signals of rain and fog all day. In the P.M. we discovered the Starboard tank to be leaking we bled it out and by tightening the hoops by means of the screws and a thing one joint stopped the leak. Oil was put in two casks. Nothing in sight. Gull music. Lat. 59 01 North.

224 Wednesday July 27th
In the P.M. and night wind E.S.E. and rising and in the A.M. Wind S.W. and more pleasant. Saw 2 or 3 times. Steady rain. Saw a sulphur bottom. Whales have left us and many suppose for the season but I hope not.

225 Thursday July 28th
Commenced fair for this country but before dark it set in to rain. The rain continued to do so till near daylight when it held up but there is a plenty of clouds hanging around and the sun squeezes himself between them at intervals. Saw one fanback. Spread the last boat.

226 Friday July 29th
Pleasant weather wind from S.E. to W.N.E. Stowed the bar in the lower hold on the oil casks. Gave Humphreys 50 mcs.

227 Saturday July 30th
Rising wind from the S.E. At 12 o'clock at night. Saw the land to the westward and eastward. At breakfast time we had got within about 10 miles of the snow covered island. Rained down along shore and passed one large island. I have forgotten the name of it and at 10 we were abreast of Hayes Island. It looks as if the 2 islands were joined together from the ship. There is a large mass of rock at one end of Hayes Island it rises nearly perpendicular at the height of several hundred feet. It has a very surprising appearance.