

575 Sunday July 31st 1854.
Shortly after the anchor was down three of the boats went ashore
off taking guns and fishing operations but they did not get to shore
and as for fishing they did not get so much as a nibble but
there was four small fish caught from the ship during the
absence. They returned at 5 P.M. bringing a great
variety of flowers and a few green whortleberries and
with the blackberries and currants of which there was a great
quantity in these but some ripe. Everything green and
pretty. Saw a plenty of ^{young} tracks with other kinds of
dimensions. At 9 in the morning a little breeze sprang up
from the east and we gladly took our beds and put
down. Leaving a rocky bottom and a dangerous coast.

576 Tuesday August 1st
To day we enter upon a new month but the prospects are not
very encouraging so far as whaling is concerned but it is no
use to fret about even if we should never get enough to go
home. The wind has been light sometimes to the E and
sometimes to the S steering E. for Rose Island hoping
to fall in with the Wm. T. Wheaton for we do not want
to go into the Sound alone. Saw a plenty of seal and
fing pigs. Took in the bow boat and set the carpenter to work
at 5, 2, 3 or 4.

577 Wednesday August 2nd
The weather still continues warm pleasant and nearly
calm. Making slow heading to the eastward.
Nothing to do and nothing in sight. Forimthouting a
little to pass the time and to please the pretty ones at home.

578 Thursday August 3rd
This has been a charming day but have seen no whale
worth catching. Veg. fishbark and green pods in shoals.
Ran within 8 miles of Rose Island. The low, level, and
grass covered top presents a pleasing contrast with the
mountainous and snow covered hills of the rest of the land
in this region. All hands making pickles or merrits.

579 Friday August 4th
The theme remarkable still and pleasant weather.
We have got tired of looking for the Wm. T. Wheaton
as we are going towards the passage to Prince Whelan
as fast as a two knot breeze will carry us.
The passage is in sight and we are about to enter.

580 Saturday August 5th 1854.
Working in toward the passage with a very light breeze sometimes
dead and sometimes astern. All hands very anxious to have a look
into the Sound. The men making pickles while I work on the
log.

581 Sunday August 6th
We have at last entered the mouth of the Sound and
when abreast of the Russian Factor's (St. S. P. M.) three
cruisers approached us one of which contained a legal gentleman
dressed in European fashion who presented the Captain with
a paper forbidding all foreign ships from fishing in the
bay or inlets on this coast. This put our pipe out entirely.
But the ship and got the anchor off the bow and sent a
boat in to see if there was a chance of getting water as we are short
of this important liquid but the boat returned at 9 or 10 in the
evening saying the water was too far from the beach to be handy.
There were about 16 log houses here, some sons in excellent order
and more numerous than men and a great many babies so
I suppose they have not refused to multiply and replenish the
earth. The breeze is very light and the current is setting us
farther into the Sound. I have about finished reading the
History of the Reformation in 4 volumes 885 pages of very
profitable and highly interesting reading. The reformers
struggled mightily to maintain the religion of Jesus and I
cannot help regretting my coldness and want of zeal though
I have been surrounded by Christian influences 35 years to day.

582 Monday August 7th
First part nearly calm. The current set us down on the
shore we were obliged to lower a couple of boats but had
scarcely towed a half an hour when a breeze sprang up
and the boats came to the ship. The wind continued
to increase till midnight when it came with rain
and fog in squalls and we had just lost a time as
we had before when in the same place the 26th of May.
Blow away the fog. The Captain stood all night.
At daylight all clear of the land steering S by W.
to a good breeze from the E. W. P. Took the
anchor on the bow and stowed the chain below.
Break out and found we have only 65 lbs of
water on board. Saw nothing but hump backs in the
Sound. All of our air chests have felt to the ground.

Ordered off of the Sound!

Got the ship by heavy sheets.