

Monday July 2nd 1855

Have still a sinking snow among the ice looking for whales and a chance in an opening to get to the land which is about 2 miles distant but will block with floating ice. A plenty of walrus in sight and the ship General Williams lowering for them as often as the chance is favorable. At 3 this morning before 4 o'clock they got a few 1 to 2 lbs of air but the icy but our Capt. does not conclude to take them. At 4 this afternoon the Capt. put on board the provisions for another day. For Eldridge the Pilot of the ship here. Lat 64. 57 N Long 150. 15 E.

Tuesday July 3rd

It did not look likely after Eldridge came and as the weather continued to blow her horn and the General fired her guns several times it was supposed they wanted the boat. But Eldridge left the gun 8 in the eve. but the Capt. did not leave before 5 in the morning. Capt. Miller was said to be drunk or nearly so when he went on board and soon made himself completely so. Our Capt. did not get drunk but he made himself sick. It is supposed as he was seen vomiting shortly after he returned. We have been a working ship all ways to get through the ice to the land but have not succeeded. It is now 1 in the afternoon and the Capt. are all on board of the General and will probably have another drunken row that will last till after the fourth. I suppose there will not be much more sleep at home though the night than there will be here.

Wednesday of July 1855

The weather has not settled so pleasantly as we had expected. Capt. Miller was sick and our Capt. & Capt. French were sent for at 10 this morning and both sick. The steward thinking they would not eat did not cook the pig but a man they both came and showed much disappointment. He had a great & large daff in the sternage and forward also 20 extra. They had apples in their duff forward which were kept from this voyage. They had rounder with it? In the fore cleared off which had been rather thick in the morning and prevented to get near the land but

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the ship is not to be too much for us. Making up the last barrel of shot and dig anchors and get all ready to haul it. Finished the celebrating by lowering of our national ensign to the "Liberty Bells" but passed to the water but as it was for a light between the vessels it had the appearance of the spirit of a light. The last boat worked in to the ice which was so thick and dangerous that the large that in several instances they were obliged to get out and lighten the boats. This morning the boat has just returned and we have spent the fourth. Our friends at home have probably heard of the ship's arrival. Lat. 64. 52 N Long. 150. 15 E.

Thursday July 5th

The day has been a beautiful one. We have kept close to the ice trying to find a passage to the land. At 5 in the afternoon discovered a large island and of the General Williams. Our Capt. went on board of the Capt. Miller in port and arrived. I have another boat on the list of my log which I have one of the size of a small boat and a small boat. Friday July 6th Our Capt. has not returned yet. The weather has been delightful but my eye has proved to be from enjoying it to be better. I can't write any more.

Saturday July 7th

The weather rather unsettled. Several small icebergs for the first time for several weeks. Capt. Miller was not sick as we expected but wanted company so the two Capt. spent the night and day with him. The boat back this morning. It is without pain but the leg is so badly swollen that it cannot be seen. Spent the day reading some of my letters.

Sunday July 8th

The day has been a stormy one and the sea of blowing. I have been from I don't know from which way. The land and ice has been in sight and our two Capt. spent the most of the day making with the ship. The weather has been very much improved.