Cruising in Behring Straits

Monday July 15th 1861

Begins with light winds & fine weather steering N.E. for Cape East & Tinmoder Islands & spoke the Brig Laola for St Henry, Okalona whaling, missed 1 fast humpback with rain in 5 days & hailing

Monday 16th

Begins with calms & rain at Lat 64 & Ridge at 4 got moored & steered off N.E. 20 miles, miss & 1 fast the same variable winds & fine weather steering through the ice for the Lane in company with the Reindeer & whaler

Wednesday 17th

Begins with light winds & fine weather at 5 P.M. came to Anchor in St Lawrence Bay with 18 fathoms 27 fathoms water. Miss fast overnight 12 Midnight lowered 2 Boats in 18 & 20 fathoms water whaler & Boat heavy to in mighty little fast blowing breeze & little rain

Thursday 18

Commence with fresh breeze from N.E. & clear weather ice setting in to the Bay, took the Anchor & went in direct for Bay point & came to a fast in 18 feet calms lowered the Boats and to tack for whales at 9 Boats not return

Friday 19th

Commences with thick fog & wind N.E. at 7 P.M. the Boats came home, saw but 1 whale, miss & 1 fast fresh breeze from S.W. saw the Reindeer Boats take a whale saw 1 made fast the Boats whaling with out success at

Saturday 20th

Begins with strong breeze from S.W. & thick weather 2 Reindeer Lowering for whales miss & 1 fast strong breeze & clear weather Boats bro. home for whales,

Sunday 21st

Begins with a fresh breeze from S.W. caught a fast at last got him along side & commence cutting first blow at 2 P.M. my & large whale 1 fast miss fast thick fog. Latter part the same started the works. saw 3 boats outside

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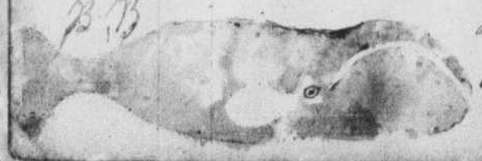

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Cruising in the Artic Ocean

Saturday Aug 31st

Fresh breezes & thick weather lost sight of land Lat 68 14 Long 170 30 miss & 1 fast Lat 24 miss & foggy weather saw 1 Bow head & 2 fins

Sunday Sept 1st

Begins with calms & fog miss fast the same 1 fast a moderate breeze from N.E. the foggy clear spoke the Bragansa 1 whal since we saw her steering S.S.E.

Monday 2nd

Begins with fresh breezes from N.E. & cloudy steering S.S.E. in the afternoon came with the Julian & the Bragansa saw plenty of Ice to the S.S.E. miss fast 1 fast clear at 7 P.M. raised whales lowered & Boats the Leahouse boat struck got him killed & alongside at 11 A.M. saw the Julian take a whale & Bark take one saw 14 fins, 112.

Lat 68, 12 Long 172, 40

Tuesday 3rd

Begins with fresh breezes & fine weather finish cutting at 5 P.M. & clear up the decks & started the works saw the Julian take a whale saw 2 Ships hailing miss & 1 fast the same lowered whales without success going to mince scarce saw plenty of Ice hailing 18 fins in light & hailing

Lat 68, 04 Wednesday 4th Long 172, 35

Begins with strong breezes & clear wind & fresh weather hailing saw the Nile take a whale fast the S. side hailing the Fabius & whales miss fast strong breezes & rainy 1 fast heavy gales from S.E. & rain caught in the works saw the Florida & the Fabius Lat 68, 30 Long 170, 20

Thursday 5th

Begins with fresh gales from S.E. & cloudy 12 P.M. on the Eastern tack saw 4 fins miss a better weather finished hailing 1 fast light wind & cloudy saw 5 fins & hailing