

Friday August 27th 1838

Calm and partially clear, one sail in sight and the *Piomedes*, about 3 miles off, cannot seem to set towards them, if we do not get it breeze soon, shall have to anchor, I do not see what he wanted to gain in here for in it calm because we could have been further off, if he had not steered towards the land, pushed starting all the sail that was cold enough to stow 125 bbls, now I should like to go to bed and have a good comfortable rest, but that will be out of the question, with the land so close to us, Middle part calm most of the time, Latter part light breeze from N. by E. and all sail set on different tacks, broke the Le Side fore holt and stowed 70 bbls sail, at 10 o'clock, was spoken by Ship *William Tell* of Sag harbor from the North, reports nothing that way, but does not seem to turn us this time, for I wonder East Cape West 6 miles at noon, this evening.

Saturday August 28th

Moderate breeze and cloudy from N.W. all sail set on different tacks, three sail in sight broke the after holt to gain noon, East Cape W. 8 miles at 7 o'clock, Middle part the same, Latter part fresh breeze from N.W. at 6 o'clock, kept off S. by E. the sails employed scraping home, well we are bound out again, and the two last times we have gone out of the Arctic we have got a whale, and if we can get one this time I shall feel perfectly satisfied.

Sunday August 29th 1838

Fresh breeze and clear from N.W. all sail set strong S. by W. at 4 o'clock spoke Ship *mt of Haver*, hauling her third rip pack, the South Head of St. Lawrence Bay, W. about 10 miles at 7 o'clock, Middle and Latter part strong breeze and cloudy, at 10 o'clock, double reefed the S. Sails and pushed the main sail, course S. by E. & N. E. the S.W. part of St. Lawrence Island bearing N. E. distant about 15 miles at noon, I hardly think we shall get back into the Arctic again this season, going to look for walrus whals I suppose, and I expect we shall find plenty of lead weather, and may be some whals, if so I would give a small sum to have the boatsters, that I had last voyage, this morning.

Monday August 30th

Fresh gale and cloudy from North, Ship under double reefed S. Sails and fore sail strong S. by E. at 3 o'clock, hauled fore top sail, at 7 o'clock reefed the main, Middle and Latter parts fresh gale with rain, at midnight hauled fore sail and hove to head E. by E. at 6 o'clock more ship to W. by W.

Tuesday August 31st

Fresh gale and rainy from North ship hove to head W. by W. at 4 o'clock, more moderate more ship to Eastward, foggy, Middle part more moderate, Latter part light wind and cloudy from E. & E. at 7 o'clock, set all sail at 9 o'clock St. Matthews Island bearing from S. E. to South, stowed Sails, to S.W. - this evening, carry me back to old Virginia, I have here folks say they would not go in it ship with a woman, it is not so pleasant where the ship is past