

Sunday July 24th 1839

Moderate breeze and thick drizzly weather from S.E. ship under easy sail on different tacks, at 7 o'clock reefed fore and main Sails.

Middle and latter part much the same, at 10 o'clock lighted a little saw the land supposed to be King Island bearing E.S.E. at noon heaved off West and set all sail, then ended, had times in old Virginia and I do not right hands here for your humble servant, I wish I had my way here for about one month, there would either be different works or no works at all.

Monday July 25th

Moderate breeze and thick fog from E.S.E. all sail set steering West at 7 o'clock lighted by the wind black head sails, Middle and latter part continues the same, at 8 o'clock, lit about 10 minutes so could see about one mile, heaved off West saw a ship at anchor at 11:30 had 15 fathoms water lighted by the wind S.E. and set all sail, then ended, I am sick and tired of this work driving her through fog and rain every thing and every body wet, could not see of what more than a ship's length, and he roasting over the stove consulting his letter half, I will sell my share of this seasons work cheap, for I do not think we shall get so much as one whale, if ever he the ^{captain} should get home again he had better stop there and let better men come, than that they come without bringing it with to take care of him.

Tuesday July 26th 1839

Fresh breeze and thick fog with rain from E.S.E. all sail set steering by the wind S.E. at 2 o'clock, hauled light sails at 4 o'clock up the courses and reefed the fore and main Sails.

Middle part much the same,

Latter part strong breeze and thick fog and short squalls from E.S.E. with W.E. ship head East, I am sick and tired of this wet weather, it does not appear to make any difference which way the wind blows from, fog and rain, eight days right off the reel now we have had fog and rain, sometimes light up so as we can see a couple of miles then on goes the sail,

Wednesday July 27th

Strong breeze and thick from W.W. with a swell from East, at 1 o'clock, out rips and set all S.G. sail, course East, at 4 o'clock and raining again, at 6 o'clock in sail to double reef Sails, and lighted by the wind W.E. lots of up sails about

Middle part fresh gale with rain part of the time,

Latter part moderate and cloudy at 7 o'clock, set all sail steered by the wind W.S.W. at 11 o'clock, calmed, lowered the boats for ship, dacks, but could not get near enough to shoot at one, I don't know but we are doomed to get about nothing this season, and I believe it is because we have got such a d. m. set, a decent set of men, we should be some whales,