

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, of

Thursday, July 11th 1862.

Light southeasterly winds, forepart and middle fine weather, steering along to the northward in Behring's Straits. Latterpart foggy rainy weather, the ship on opposite tacks carrying all sail the greatest part of the day.

Friday 11th.

Forepart a middling strong northeasterly wind with fog and rain, latterpart more moderate. The ship in Behring's Straits under easy sail on opposite tacks.

Saturday 12th.

Light variable winds. The ship under all sail, working to the northward. At nine o'clock P.M. came to with the port anchor in thirteen fathoms of water, near St. Lawrence bay, and about two miles from the land. Saw some ice.

Sunday 13th.

Light variable winds, with fog. The ship at an anchor near St. Lawrence bay. At 9 A.M. got underway and worked farther in toward the land, and came to again about 11 o'clock P.M. Saw one whale in the afternoon, and lowered for it.

Monday 14th.

Light variable winds with some fog. The ship at an anchor near St. Lawrence bay. Got on board 100 barrels of fresh water.

Tuesday 15th.

Light variable winds with some fog. The ship at an anchor near St. Lawrence bay. Some ice in the bay.

Wednesday 16th.

Forepart light variable winds with some fog. About two of the clock P.M. took the anchor made all sail and stood out of the bay to the southward and eastward with a light northeasterly wind. Latterpart the wind hauled more to the northward, the ship on the eastern tack.

Belfast; bound on a Cape Horn whaling voyage.

Thursday July 17th 1862

Forepart foggy with a light variable southwesterly wind. The ship carrying a main topgallant sail, on opposite tacks. Latterpart the wind much the same, steering to the northward and eastward, up the Straits, towards East Cape.

Lat 68° 03' N

Friday 18th

Forepart moderate southerly winds. The ship under all sail. About 2 P.M. passed Cape East steering about N. by W. At 7 P.M. steer more to the westward along the land. Middle the wind hauled around to northwesterly, steering northeasterly. Latterpart nearly calm with rain. Saw the bark Catherine of London cutting a starboard.

Saturday 19th

A light variable air with rain. Course N. by W. Under all sail.

Lat 67° 54' Lon 168° 49' W Sunday 20th

Forepart and middle, light easterly winds, with some fog. The ship under all sail cruising around in various directions. Saw one whale. Latterpart steering a westerly course.

Lat 68° 21'

Monday 21st

Forepart moderate, latterpart middling strong southerly winds, carrying sail accordingly. Saw quite a large field of ice. Landed the boats for whales twice without success. At the third time the starboard boat succeeded to strike and the whale took the line by means of the ice. After getting loose from the whale, the boat went up to him again and got so badly stowed as to render it almost worthless. One boat picked up the wreck, the two others gave chase to the whale, caught, killed, and got him along-side about 11 o'clock P.M.

Tuesday 22nd

Forepart moderate southerly winds, latterpart moderate northerly wind. Carrying easy sail but the whale in and began to haul. Lowered for a whale. Saw several vessels.