

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, of

Bedford, bound on a Cape Horn whaling voyage.

Saturday August 9th 1862

Moderate variable westerly winds. Cruising for
around the ice. About 1 P.M. the waist boat struck
killed the whale, took it alongside, and cut it in
carrying a moderate amount of seal. Several vessels in sight.

Lat 69°46' N Sunday 10th

Forepart light westerly winds. Latterpart, muddling strong
easterly winds. The ship on opposite tack, with easy sail, hoisting

Monday 11th

Forepart a light southeasterly wind, latterpart a
moderate northwesterly wind. The ship under easy sail,
cruising for whales, hoisting. Lowered for a while
and caught two Polar, white bears. Saw ships and ice.

Tuesday 12th

Moderate westerly winds. Forepart the ship on opposite
tack, latterpart working to the northward and eastward,
under topsails. Saw some ice, in the forepart of the day.

Wednesday 13th

Forepart a moderate westerly wind. Steering N.E. by E.
with all sail out. Latterpart the wind hauled more to
northward, the ship on the eastern tack. Finished hoisting.

Lat 69°20' Thursday 14th

Forepart moderate, latterpart muddling strong northeasterly
winds. The ship under prudent sail working to
the northeast. All hands employed at stowing down sail.

Lat 70°47' Lon 171°51' Friday 15th

Blowing quite fresh from the northeast. The ship
on opposite tack, under double reefed topsails.

Lat 69°51' Saturday 16th

Blowing quite strong from the northeast. The ship
on the eastern tack, under easy sail.

Lat 69°41' Lon 168°45' W Sunday August 17th 1862

Forepart and middle blowing a moderate northeasterly
gale, the ship under short sail on the eastern tack.
Latterpart, the wind from the same quarter, but more
moderate, made more sail, and wore around on the other tack.

Lat 69°05' Lon 168°10' Monday 18th

Moderate northeasterly winds the greater part of the time.
The ship on the starboard tack. At six A.M. saw
land near Cape Fishburne, bearing about northeast.
Carrying the main topgalant sail, f/g jib, &c.

Lat 70°16' Tuesday 19th

Forepart foggy, latterpart clear, with muddling strong
northeasterly winds. The ship under easy sail, on
opposite tack, by the wind. Saw some drift wood.

Lat 70°05' Lon 168°03' Wednesday 20th

Blowing a gale from the northeast. The ship on the
eastern tack. Forepart under double reefed topsails.
Latterpart under a close reefed main topsail, staysails &c.

Lat 69°23' Lon 168°07' Thursday 21st

Blowing a northeasterly gale. The ship laying to
under a close reefed main topsail staysails &c. In the
forepart on the eastern tack, latterpart on the starboard tack.

Lat 69°35' Lon 168°47' Friday 22nd

Blowing a gale from the N.E. The ship under
a close reefed all topsail &c. on opposite tack.

Lat 68°57' Lon 168°00' Saturday 23rd

Blowing a gale from the N.E. The ship under
a close reefed main topsail &c. on the eastern tack.
At eleven o'clock P.M. then wore around on to the other tack.

Lat 68°31' Lon 167°00' Sunday 24th

Blowing a gale from the N.E. At 3 o'clock P.M. wore ship
on to the port tack carrying a close reefed all topsail &c.