

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, of New Bedford

Sunday June 21st 1863

Forepart, middling strong, easterly winds. Latterpart, nearly calm. The ship under prudent sail throughout the day. Saw land and ice, in the vicinity of Cape Behring, also one vessel.

Monday 22nd

Moderate, and light, variable, easterly winds; with some fog. The ship under easy sail. Saw land, and ice, not far from Cape Behring.

Lat. 64° 34' N

Tuesday 23rd

Forepart, light variable easterly winds, and calms. Latterpart, Moderate northwesterly winds. The ship under necessary sail, working along shore to the eastward. Got the port anchor off of the bow, and bent the chain. Saw some ice.

Wednesday 24th

Forepart, light and moderate northwesterly winds; latterpart middling strong easterly winds. The ship under prudent sail around the ice, near Flower Bay. Spoke ship Brunswick of N B.

Thursday 25th

A Middling strong northeasterly wind. The ship under prudent sail; around ice, off Flower Bay.

Friday 26th

Middling strong, northeasterly wind, with some fog, and rain. The ship under short sail, in, and around the ice, near Flower Bay. Saw several vessels.

Saturday 27th

Light, variable, easterly winds, with some fog. The ship under requisite sail, in, and around ice, near Flower Bay. Several Esquimaux came on board.

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Sunday June 28th 1863.

Light, variable, winds. The ship under necessary sail, off Flower Bay. Saw several vessels, and some ice.

Monday 29th

Light, variable, southerly winds, with some fog. The ship under all sail, working southwest along the edge of a field of ice, between St Lawrence Island, and Peter Bay. At 6 A M saw the northwestern part of St Lawrence Island, bearing about east, per compass. Saw several vessels, and some finback-whales.

Tuesday 30th

Light variable southerly winds. The ship under necessary sail around ice between Indian Point, & St Lawrence Island. At 12 M, raised a bowhead whale, lowered the boats and the larboard boat struck one, (saw several whilst down) got it to the ship at 4 P M, and cut in at ten. Several boats came alongside, from St Lawrence Island.

Wednesday July 1st

Strong, southwesterly winds, with thick weather. The ship under prudent sail on opposite tacks in the vicinity of the ice, northwestward from St Lawrence Island.

Thursday 2nd

Forepart, moderate; latterpart, light variable southerly winds with some fog. The ship under easy sail between St Lawrence Island, and Cape Chapin. Boiling blubber.

Friday 3rd

Moderate and light northwesterly winds. The ship under prudent sail, steering to the southwest, along the land, toward Flower Bay. Boiling blubber.