

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, of New Bedford.

Tuesday, July 21st 1863.

Moderate variable winds principally from the southward and westward. At 1 o'clock A.M. got underway, and steered along the land to the eastward toward Bherings Straits. Satterfast, steering N.E. Carrying requisite sail.

Wednesday 22nd

Forepart and middle foggy with light variable southerly winds. Laying to back on opposite tack. Satterfast steering N.E. Under pendant sail. Spoke by Victoria.

Thursday 23rd

Moderate, and middling strong southeasterly winds, with some fog, and rain. The ship under pendant sail, working north-eastward, till 8 P.M., then came to with the Sport anchor, in 8 fathoms, in Port Clarence, and about 2 miles north-eastward of the sand spit. About 10 A.M. passed to the northward of Kings Island and sighted the American coast about the same time.

Friday 24th

Strong southeasterly winds. The ship laying at an anchor at Port Clarence.

Saturday 25th

Forepart strong southeasterly winds. At 9 A.M. the ship began to drag her anchor, whereupon we paid out chain to, 90 fathoms; that not stopping her, we let go the starboard anchor with 75 fathoms of chain and made preparations for slipping. Finding that she still dragged we let go the sledge but still failed to bring her up. About half past three P.M. (not having much more room to drag) we slipped our cables and steered S.W. with a close reefed main topsail, foresail, and staysails, till 5, then steered S.W. by E. Satterfast more moderate. When the ship was dragging we sent down the fore and maintopgallant, and main royal yards. Spoke the brig Victoria at Anson's Cove, and dragging fast at 12 P.M., slipped the ship to the wind on the port tack.

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Sunday, July 26th 1863.

Middling strong and moderate variable, southerly winds, with thick, rainy weather. The ship in Bherings Straits, near Kings Island, carrying pendant sail.

Monday 27th

Forepart and middle, moderate variable winds with thick misty foggy weather with the exception of from 3 till 6 A.M. at which time it was clear so that we saw the Diomed Islands (bearing north) and land on the western side of the Straits. Sent aloft the maintopgallant yard, satterfast, the wind and weather much the same. The ship under necessary sail, on opposite tacks, throughout.

Tuesday 28th

Moderate variable southerly winds, with fog. The ship on opposite tacks. Carrying the maintopgallant sail.

Wednesday 29th

Light variable southerly winds, with thick fog in the forepart and middle, the ship on opposite tacks. Satterfast, partially clear, the ship steering eastward for Port Clarence. Carrying requisite sail. Observed strong northerly currents.

Thursday 30th

Light variable, southerly winds, in the fore and middle parts with thick fog. The most of the time satterfast, a light variable northerly wind steering to the southeast for Port Clarence. At 6 P.M. the ship was between the Diomedes, and Cape Prince of Wales. Carrying all sail.

Friday 31st

Forepart light northerly winds, steering southeast; saw Kings Island ahead. Middle, and satterfast, foggy with light and variable winds; working to the southwest. The ship under topsails, and maintopgallant sail.