

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, of New Bedford

Wednesday, August 12th 1863.

Light northeasterly winds with some fog. The ship under requisite sail, cruising for whales, in the vicinity of ~~Plum~~ ^{Humbly} Island. At 6 P.M., lowered for a bowhead whale. Bailing blubber.

Thursday 13th

Middling strong northerly winds, with some fog. At 10 A.M., lowered for whales, and the bow boat struck one; took it to the ship, and cut it in. The ship under requisite sail, around ice, about twenty miles to the eastward of ~~Plum~~ ^{Humbly} Island.

Friday 14th

Light northerly winds, with some fog. The ship lying around in the vicinity of ~~Plum~~ ^{Humbly} Island and the ice, under requisite sail. The waist and starboard boats, got a whale, each.

Saturday 15th

Light, and moderate northerly winds. The ship under short sail around ice. The starboard boat got a bowhead whale.

Sunday 16th

Light northerly winds. The ship under requisite sail, lying round not far from ice. Lowered for whales.

Monday 17th

Light northerly winds with some fog. The ship under short sail. Employed at whaling, bailing and stowing oil.

Lat 51° 42', N.

Tuesday 18th

Forepart moderate; latter part strong northerly winds. The ship under prudent sail on the eastern tack principally with the exception of from about 3 till 6 P.M. whilst steering S.E. About 10 A.M., saw Herald's Island, bearing south by east.

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Wednesday, August 19th 1863.

Commenced with strong northerly winds, which hauled to the southward at 6 A.M., and increased to a gale, so that the ship was nearly on her beam end on account of the blubber shifting. About 9 A.M., lost the waist and bow boats. Latter part the wind more moderate carrying prudent sail throughout the day, on opposite tacks.

Thursday 20th

Southerly winds, light and middling strong; forepart the ship on the western tack, middle and latter part on the eastern tack. Herald's Island in sight to the westward. Picked up the waist boat. The ship under easy sail. Employed at hailing and stowing oil.

Lat 51° 16', N.

Friday 21st

Middling strong southerly winds. The ship on opposite tacks under short sail. Bailing & stowing oil.

Saturday 22nd

Forepart, middling strong, latter part moderate southerly winds, with fog. The ship on opposite tacks, under requisite sail. Employed at bailing blubber.

Latitude, 51° 11', N.

Sunday 23rd

Moderate winds; forepart, northerly; latter part variable easterly with fog. The ship cruising under double reefed topsails. Employed at bailing and stowing oil.

Monday 24th

Moderate easterly winds, with thick weather. The ship on opposite tacks, under easy sail. Bailing blubber.

Tuesday 25th

Moderate variable easterly winds, with thick, rainy, foggy weather. The ship on opposite tacks under easy sail. Finished bailing. Stowed some oil.