

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, of New Bedford.

Wednesday, September 9th 1863.

Forepart, middling strong easterly wind. In the latter part, moderate variable westerly winds. The ship under necessary sail, cruising for whales. Spoke bark Pacific, of New Bedford.

Latitude, $70^{\circ}22'$, north. Thursday, 10th.

Moderate and middling strong variable westerly winds. The ship under requisite sail, cruising. Employed at boiling and storing. Spoke ships *Wm. C. Coker*, and *Adeline*.

Friday, 11th.

Moderate northwesterly winds, with some snow squalls. The ship under easy sail, cruising for whales. Finished boiling. Stored some oil.

Saturday, 12th.

Moderate northwesterly winds with some snow squalls. Cruising for whales under easy sail. Employed at storing oil, fixing the truss to the foremast, and bending a new foremast and main top-sail. Spoke the ship *Ocean* of Warren. Saw a large body of ice to the westward.

Lat $70^{\circ}19'$ Lon. $175^{\circ}47'$ Sunday, 13th. Moderate northwesterly winds. The ship under easy sail, cruising. Saw the *George Howland*, *Adeline*, *Euphrates*, and several other vessels.

Monday, 14th.

Moderate northwesterly winds. The ship under necessary sail, cruising for whales. Saw ice to the westward in the afternoon.

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Lat. $69^{\circ}16'$, north. Tuesday, 15th Sept, 1863.

Forepart moderate northwesterly winds; the ship on opposite tack. Middle, rather more wind; steering E.S.E. Latter part middling strong strong northwesterly winds with snow squalls; steering E by S, per compass. The ship under prudent sail throughout the day.

Reliable observation.

Wednesday, 16th.

Forepart middling strong northwesterly winds; steering E by S. At noon steered E.S.E. At 5 P.M. saw land on the western shore of the Arctic (to the northward of Cape East), bearing about S.W., some ten miles distant, hauled up to the eastward more and steered a shore course for the Straits, at 9 P.M. East Cape in sight. Latter part moderate and light northerly wind. The ship under necessary sail throughout the day.

Thursday, 17th.

Forepart light and moderate northerly winds; steering through the Straits to the southward, passed East Cape about 9 A.M. In the afternoon steering to the southwest toward St. Lawrence Bay. At half past six P.M. came to with the port anchored in 10 fathoms of water, in St. Lawrence Bay; furled the sails, and let go the starboard anchor, with about 20 fathoms of chain, and paid out the port chain, to sixty fathoms. The ship *Adeline* came to, near by, at the same time. Latter part strong breezes, with heavy squalls.

Friday, 18th.

Light and moderate variable winds. The ship, having anchored in St. Lawrence Bay, took aboard about fifty barrels of fresh water, and hove up the starboard anchor.