

Ship *Ben Tucker* Capt *Barber*  
in *Shantou Bay*

*Friday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1856*

First part of this 24 hours a light breeze and fine weather still at work mending the Boats Middle & Latter part a light breeze from S.W. at work mending the Waist Boat.

*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>*

First part of this 24 hours fine weather the boat gone to the settlement at the head after salmon in company with Capt *Long* of the ship *India* Middle and Latter part a small sprinkling of rain.

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>*

First part of this 24 hours a fine breeze employed in painting the Waist & Bow Boats Middle part the same Latter part a light breeze the Capt returned with a fair fish took out anchor and stood in shore a little farther

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup>*

First part of this 24 hours fine weather the Boats saw a plenty of whales but could not get near them the ice very heavy gamed with the large Horned the Capt came on board to get some boards to mend his Boat

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>*

First part of this 24 hours fine weather the Boats all after whales the ship keeps a smoking ship smoked her hours Middle and Latter part foggy with rain the Boats still away

*Wednesday Aug 15<sup>th</sup>*

First part of this 24 hours foggy with disagreeable weather took out anchor and shifted down the Bay so as to get near the Ice most of the day being in the Mouth of the Bay.

Middle part the Starboard Boat came on board she saw a plenty of whales but could not get on a plenty of ice and fog.

*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>*

First part of this 24 hours a thick fog at anchor off *St. Richards Bay* at 12 o'clock the Starboard Boat lowered after whales at 12 o'clock the other three Boats came on board saw a plenty of whales and a plenty of heavy ice. All much discouraged they believe is so wild.

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup>*

First part of this 24 hours with fine weather and calm at 12 o'clock the Boats returned saw a plenty of whales but they were wild as shown by the Charles Phillips of *Spring* Ten Middle part foggy with a sprinkling of rain the Boats all in board Latter part the same.

*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>*

First part of this 24 hours foggy and rainy the Boats still in board Middle & Latter part the same.