

1892 Journal of the Whaling Bark William Baylies

Wed Aug 17

This day begins with a good breeze and thick with rain from the S.W. About 3 PM we Anchored between Key Cape and point Belcher in 12 fathoms of water. Middle part still at anchor and a thick fog. Latter part at day light here the Anchor up and made sail steering along the land and about 8 AM we passed the rocks called Sea horses. and at mid day we were off point Sheddington and Cape Smith in sight

Thurs Aug 18

This day begins with a moderate breeze from the S.W. steering along the land at 5 PM we passed Cape Smith and 7 PM we Anchored off point Barrow in 5 fathoms of water in company with several other vessels. Ice in sight of us to the N.W. Middle part strong breeze with rain. Latter part wind the same still laying to the N.W. of the point Barrow

Fri Aug 19

This day begins with a strong breeze and cloudy from the S.W. laying at anchor at point Barrow. Middle part the same. Latter part wind moderated. Same still at anchor at point Barrow with several other ships with us

Sat Aug 20

This day begins with a moderate breeze from the S.W. still at anchor. Middle part thick fog. Latter part the same.

Sun Aug 21

This day begins with a moderate breeze and cloudy from the N.E. have our Anchor up and made sail and went around to the S.W. of the point and Anchored again in 4 fathoms of water in company with several other vessels. Middle part the same. Latter part about a calm the Capt went to the steamer William Lewis to see

if he can get anything from the ice and get any thing

1892 Captain Benjamin D. Cleveland

Mon Aug 22

This day begins with a light breeze from the N.W. Mr Robertson Mate of the Brig F. H. Bastow died last night and was buried to day. Our Capt and all the other vessels Captains went on shore to the funeral. Still laying at anchor. Middle part strong breeze and foggy. Latter part still a strong breeze and thick fog from the N.W. watch busy breaking out the after hatch

Tues Aug 23

This day begins with a strong breeze with a thick fog from the N.W. finished breaking out and stowed down salt water to trim the ship. Middle part wind moderated and hauled to the S.W. Latter part moderate breeze at day light here our Anchor up and went beyond to the N.W. of the point and Anchored again in 5 fathoms of water with the other vessels. Then broke out water and stowed back salt water in the main hatch

Wed Aug 24

Bound out to the Western. This day begins with a moderate breeze from the N.W. still laying at anchor to the N.W. of the point. About 12 PM we here our Anchor up and made sail steering W. with the Mermaid and Reindeer. Middle part thick fog. Latter part layed aback a while the ship braced forward and stood along by the wind to the S.W. and E.W.

Thurs Aug 25

This day begins with a moderate breeze from the E.W. heading along by the wind until we saw the land. Then we made all sail steering S.W. no ships in sight. Middle part laying aback. Latter part light breeze made all sail steering S.W. return along the land