

Private Journal of a Voyage in "Whale Ship" *Albatross*

Sunday
August 3rd } Commences with light breezes from the N.W. with thick weather. The ship working to the N. three sails in sight. Middle and Latter parts fresh breezes with rain. No Observations.

Monday
August 4th } Commences with moderate breezes from the Eastward with thick rainy weather. at 3 P.M. come to Anchor in 14 Fathoms of water near the East Cape of Asia. Middle part the same. Latter part the "Gog" Lifted at 7 P.M. got under weigh and stood to the N. at 10 P.M. Boarded the "Wreck" of ship Mary Mitchell. and got Fire Wood. 3 sails in sight. No Observations.

Tuesday
August 5th } Commences with light breezes from the N. the ship working to the N.W. East Cape in sight. spoke with ship "Hansan" of Bremen. Middle and Latter parts thick rainy weather. No Observations.

Wednesday
August 6th } Commences with light and variable winds with thick weather. two sails in sight. spoke with ship "Frances" Middle and Latter parts fresh gales from the South. the Land in sight. Lat 66° 30' Long

Thursday
August 7th } Commences with strong breezes from the N.W. the ship working to the South. the Land in sight. and several sails. Middle part light and variable winds with "Gog". Latter part calm with thick rainy weather. at 4 P.M. come to Anchor in 26 Fathoms water. No Observations.

Hard Luck.

Barker in the Arctic Ocean. Cruising for Whales 1857

Friday
August 8th } Commences with calm and rainy weather. the ship lying at anchor near East Cape of Asia. 14 sails in sight. at 5 P.M. took the Anchor. at 10 Anchored again. Middle part the same. Latter part light breezes from the N. spoke with ships "Constitution" and "Griset". No Observations.

Saturday
August 9th } Commences with light breezes from the N. heading in different tracks with thick weather several sails, and the Land in sight. Middle and Latter parts. Moderate breezes from the N. spoke with ship "General Pike" type Whales the season. Lat 66° 10' Long

Sunday
August 10th } Commences with fresh breezes from the N. steering to the Eastward. two sails in sight. Middle part light breezes. Latter part strong breezes from the N. with thick weather. working to the South. spoke with ship "Mlle" of San Francisco. No Observations.

Monday
August 11th } Commences with strong breezes from the N. heading to the N.W. kept of N.W. with "Gog" weather. Middle and Latter parts light breezes with "Gog" signals. the Coast of Asia and several sails in sight. Lat 67° 42' N Long

Tuesday
August 12th } Commences with light breezes from the N. steering N. with pleasant weather. the Coast of America in sight. Looked for two Polar Whales. without success. at 9 P.M. the "Hiss Boat" struck a Polar Whale and the "Iron Dredge". Middle and Latter parts the same plenty of Whales in sight. Lat 68° 08' and 5 sails. Long