

Remarks. While on A Passage to Behring's Strait, & the Arctic Ocean

Friday May the 31st Commences with fresh gale from the N^W and cold rugged weather. Ship by the wind heading S. S. E. under double reef, 1st top sail, jib & fore sail at 1 P. M. the weather clear, and man, 2 the Mast Heads & set the main sail, at 4 P. M. the wind changed to the N. N. W. the barometer at 28.5 at 1 P. M. the wind hauled back to the N. N. E. at 2 P. M. more moderate and let the reef, 2 out of the top sails, at 10 Newman jammed his ankle by a cask of water, plenty of fin backs in sight. Lat by Obs 54.55 North Long by Chron 171.11 East

Saturday June the 1st Commences with light breeze from the N. N. E. and fair weather, the ship with all sail set standing to the east. Plenty of fin backs in sight, from 4 to 8 P. M. the wind varied to the N. N. W. the middle and latter part light & pleasant weather, plenty of fin backs in sight, Newman's ankle badly strained & a fraction better to day. Lat by Obs 51.21 North Long by Chron 172.18 East

Sunday June the 2nd Commences with a light breeze from the N. N. W. and fine clear weather. Ship with all sail set heading to the N. E. A great many fin backs in sight from 6 P. M. to 4 P. M. calm pleasant weather at 4 P. M. light breeze springing up from the South, squared the yards steering N. E. E. under with light breezes and fine weather, Lat by Obs 51.48 North Long by Chron 174.50 East

Monday June the 3rd The weather continues pleasant with a light breeze from the South, ship with all masting sail set steering N. E. E. at 11 P. M. set in a thick fog & continues foggy through the day with light air from the South. Lat by Obs 60.40 North, Long by Obs 175.55 East

Tuesday June the 4th Continues thick foggy weather with a light air from the Southward, course N. N. E. with all sail set, at 8 P. M. jugging ourselves near the land, hauled up N. E. and at 9 P. M. kept off N. E. at 10 the fog cleared off & man, 2 the Mast Heads, Hovey with the sunset interval. Lat by Obs 61.15 North, Long by Obs 177.10 East

Wednesday June the 5th Commences with a light air from the South and cloudy, ship with all sail set steering N. N. E. A sail in sight ahead, the middle part light air, steering N. N. E. at 8 P. M. saw the land bearing per compass N. by E. some time kept off N. E. & set the fore top mast standing, passed two Barcapes, but no whales, ship in sight ahead. Lat by Obs 61.54 North, Long by Chron 177.10 East

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Thursday June the 6th Commences with a light air from the South & fair weather, ship with all sail set steering N. E. at 9 P. M. the ship ahead got a whale, at 4.30 P. M. saw whales and at 5 lowered & struck a Polar Whale to the Starboard Boat, and at 7.30 took him to the ship and got supper, at 10 P. M. began to cut and at 8 P. M. got his head off. No light breeze until the last of August at 7 P. M. finished cutting and got breakfast, at 9 lowered three boats & struck a whale to the Starboard Boat, headed by Briggs, & at 12 P. M. got him to the ship and made him fast, ever with a calm, and cloudy weather, plenty of Polar Whales in sight, the land in sight to the Northward twenty miles off, three sail in sight. Lat by Obs 62.10 North

Friday June the 7th Continues calm and cloudy, the ship lying with a slight breeze, at 2 P. M. sent all hands below for three hours sleep, at 5 P. M. got the Decks clear and began to boil the whale, at 7 P. M. set the Watch for the night, Newman's foot & ankle badly swollen, on account of too much exercise yesterday through the night light air from the S. Southward and heavy at 8 P. M. began to cut the whale, and at 11.30 got his head off, ever with a light air from the South and heavy weather, employed cutting, plenty of whales & two ships in sight. Lat by Obs 62.12 North

Saturday June the 8th Commences with a light air from the South and heavy weather, employed cutting, at 2 P. M. finished & got dinner, at 3.30 lowered three boats & struck a whale to the Bow Boat and at 7 P. M. took him to the ship and made him fast, got supper & set the Watch, ship blubber lodged & a whale alongside, Newman's foot some better to day, at 8 P. M. a fresh breeze from the Eastward at 10 P. M. the weather off some, & saw the land to the North, same time moved ship to the Southward through the night frequent squalls of snow & cold weather the latter part increasing breezes, cold and rugged, the land in sight to the North 25 miles off. Lat by Obs 62.00 North

Sunday June the 9th Commences with a strong breeze from the S. N. E. with frequent squalls of snow, ship heading to the S. E. at 2 P. M. the fluke chain parted made sail on the ship & at 4 P. M. got him alongside, and at 5 P. M. began cut him blowing a fresh gale and rugged weather, at 10 got his head off, got supper and commenced cutting again, and at 5 P. M. finished, and furlled the fore and main top sails, and double reefed the main top sail, the ship completely blubber lodged blubber room full, fore hatch way full, and some on Deck, a hard night, work the latter part strong breezes from the N. E. & clear rugged weather, ship heading S. E. for ship, in sight & plenty of Polar Whales, the Watch employed boiling & clearing up the Deck, the land in sight to the North 35 miles off. Lat by Obs 61.36 North, Newman's ankle a fraction better