

Remarks While Cruising in the Arctic Sea

Wednesday July the 10th Commenced with strong breeze from the South, attended with thick ragged weather, at 2 P.M. got the Whale to the Ship and got Dinner, at 4 P.M. began to cut the Whale and at 4 P.M. finished cutting, at 6 P.M. began to boil, the middle & latter part moderate breezes and foggy, it is supposed the Whale will make 250 Blks

Thursday July the 11th Commenced with a moderate breeze from the S.S.E. and foggy weather, Ship lying with the top sails closed down heading to the S.W. the Watch Employed Boiling, at 4 P.M. got the Steak clear and Double reefed the top sail and set the jib and wore Ship to the East the middle part fresh breeze and thick weather, the latter part a light breeze from the S.E. with cloudy weather, at 11 P.M. saw Whales and down three boats & struck a Whale to the Bow Boat, the first iron drawn and the short warp parted, & he went off to the Windward the land in sight to the Northward, Dist 40 miles, 12 Ships in sight from Bow four Whales, through the day, Lat by Bot 65.30 North

Friday July the 12th these 24 hours Commenced with a light breeze from the S.E. and moderate cloudy weather, the Watch Employed Boiling at 3 P.M. wore Ship to the S.S.W. & set the flying jib the middle & latter part fresh breeze and heavy, lowered the boats several times for Whales without success, at 11 P.M. spoke the Ship, Servant of Sag Harbor 35.00 18 Ships, in sight, and the Whale, Bay, the land in sight to the Northward Dist 35 miles Lat by Bot 64.10 North

Saturday July the 13th these 24 hours commence with a fresh breeze from the North and the weather heavy, all hands Employed Boiling Chasing wild Whales, at 2 P.M. the Capt gave Moses Hunt and William Safford a flogging, for fighting, he seized them up and flogged them with the cat, the middle part moderate, at 6 P.M. struck a Whale to the Starboard Boat & at 10 took him to the Ship at 4 P.M. finished Boiling, the latter part light breezes from the N.E. and cold cloudy weather at 12 M. began to cut the Whale

Sunday July the 14th Commenced with a light breeze from the N.E. attended with cold cloudy weather, all hands Employed cutting the Whale at 3 P.M. began to rain, to make things go easy, at 7 finished cutting same time the wind veered to the S.E. at 8 P.M. fair weather again set the watch and at 10 began to boil, the latter part a fresh breeze from the S.E. with Drizzly weather, saw three Polar Whales and several Hump Back, all hands Employed stowing Down at 8 Boiling the Land in sight to the Northward Dist 30 miles

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Monday July the 15th Commenced with a fresh breeze from the S.E. attended with heavy weather and rugged, all hands Employed Boiling and stowing oil in the after hold, the Ship under Double reefed top sail, heading to the N.E. at 3 P.M. wore Ship off shore to the S.S.W. the middle & latter part calm and Drizzly, saw about ten Polar Whales to day, and a great number of Hump Back Whales, 10 sail in sight Lat by Bot 65.30 North

Tuesday July the 16th Commenced calm and thick rainy weather all hands Employed Boiling and stowing, at 2.30 P.M. a breeze sprang up from the South veered Ship to the S.S.E. and set whole top sails & flying jib and main top gallant sail, a great quantity of Hump Backs in sight but no bow heads at 13 P.M. finished stowing, the middle part light air and fair weather at 1 P.M. saw Whales & lowered two boats and chased them until without success, the latter part light breezes from the South and fair weather Ship heading to the S.E. with all sail set, the land to the North about 15 miles off, at 12 M. finished Boiling, Lat by Bot 64.15 North, long about 176 West

Wednesday July the 17th Commenced with a light breeze from the South and fair weather, the Ship with all sail set stowing S.N.E. 10 sail in sight all standing towards the Straits, at 1 P.M. began the break out the main hold to stow the oil, at 7 set the watch and commenced stowing the oil from the tank, the middle and latter part a steady breeze and pleasant weather at 11 P.M. spoke the Ship, Servant of Stonington 10 Whales, same time a canoe came off from the shore with eight natives on board, and they informed us that was no Polar Whale in the Bay, at 12 M. squared the yards and kept on our course for Behring's Straits Lat by Bot 65.00 North

Thursday July the 18th Commenced with a moderate steady breeze from the South, attended with fine weather, the Ship with all sail set stowing N by E for Behring's Straits, in company with 8 Ships all bound to the North all hands Employed stowing oil, at 2 P.M. spoke the Ship, Triton of New Bedford with 800 Blbs, at 4 P.M. finished stowing, the middle part fresh breeze from the South and fair weather, course N.N.E. at 5 P.M. passed through Behring's Straits and entered the Arctic Sea, at 7 Strong breezes with fog same time kept off N.N.W. and furled the top gallant sails, at 9 the fog cleared off at 11 saw a Whale, and lowered and struck him to the Waist Boat and at 12 M. took him to the Ship Lat 66.60 Long 159.30 West

Friday July the 19th Commenced with a fresh breeze from the South and fair weather at 3 P.M. commenced cutting and at 9 finished at 5 P.M. spoke the Ship, Mochterama of New Bedford 1000 Blbs this season from 6 to 12 P.M. calm and pleasant weather at 1 P.M. a light breeze from the S.E. kept the Ship N.E. a great number of California Whales in sight, but no bow heads, several Ships at anchor in shore from us, at 12 M. began to boil the latter part a strong breeze from the S.E. and pleasant weather, course N.E. within of the Whale kind in sight, saw one Ship standing S.S.W. Lat by Bot 67.15 North