

Remarks While Cruising in the Arctic Sea, 1850

Saturday July the 20th Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. and cool pleasant weather the ship with all sail set steering S.E. at 2 P.M. furl the main top gallant sail, the Watch Employed Boiling at 6 P.M. the breeze moderate & kept the ship S.E. Nothing of the Whales the Middle & latter part a light breeze from the S.E. at 8 P.M. set all sail and kept off S.W. at 12 P.M. kept the ship West by S with a light breeze from the S.E. Cape Lisburne bearing North East 30 miles, Nothing of the Whale kind, Lat by Obs 67° 50' North, Long by Acc 165° 20' West

Sunday July the 21st Commences with a light breeze from the S.E. attended with pleasant weather, ship with all sail set steering W by S. the Watch Employed Boiling, at 4 P.M. the wind shifted to the South and braced sharp heading W.S.W. at 10 P.M. finished boiling, at 12.30 P.M. increasing strong breezes and furl the fore & main top gallant sail and flying jib. Now she runs 1500 lbs. at 12 M. S. furl the main top gallant sail and reef the main top sail, the latter part a strong breeze from the S.E. & S.W. with fog at intervals, at 11 P.M. set the main top gallant sail, ship heading S.W. three pairs in sight of a great number of California Whales, Lat by Obs 68° 02' North, Long by Acc 168° 30' West

Monday July the 22nd Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. and the ship with all prudent sail set heading S.W. 1200 California Whales in sight at 8 P.M. saw large fields of drift ice in detached masses, and several ships among it, kept the ship off to the West and ran in to the ice, in hopes of finding Whales, but without success, at 11 P.M. spoke the ship Hamibal of New London 12 months 2500, the Middle & latter part strong breezes from the S.E. and fair weather, tracking off and on along the edge of the ice in hope of finding Whales, but without success, at 11 P.M. lowered a boat & caught a Walrus, the land in sight to the South East 45 miles & sail in sight Lat by Obs 67° 27' North

Tuesday July the 23rd Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. with heavy cold weather, ship by the wind heading to the S.W. at 4.30 P.M. got up to the ice and veered ship to the Eastward, at 10 P.M. spoke the ship Hamibal of New London 12 months 2500, the Middle & latter part strong breezes from the S.E. and fair weather, tracking off and on along the edge of the ice in hope of finding Whales, but without success, at 11 P.M. lowered a boat & caught a Walrus, the land in sight to the South East 45 miles & sail in sight Lat by Obs 67° 27' North

Wednesday July the 24th Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. and fair weather at 3 P.M. tracked to the S.W., at 6 P.M. came up with the ice and tracked to the S.E. the wind moderating let the reef out the fore top sail & set main top gallant sail and flying jib, the Middle part calm and pleasant, at 6 P.M. a breeze from the S.E. set all sail heading to the South, at 10 P.M. strong breezes and furl the top gallant sail & flying jib, at 11 P.M. passed through the ice, into a clear space of water, the nearest land bearing South East 6 leagues Lat by Obs 67° 08' North, Long by Acc 170° 25' West

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Thursday July the 25th Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. and fair weather the ship with prudent sail set heading South, at 2 P.M. got nothing four miles of the land, and the breeze moderating veered ship to the S.E. at 3 P.M. a boat with eight natives came off, they all appear very friendly, at 4 P.M. saw Whales & lowered four boats and chased until 10 without success, the Middle part light air from the S.E. and pleasant, at 9 P.M. eight Tables came on board from the ship William Tell, of Sag Harbour 23 months out 2500 the latter part a light air from the West with thick drizzly weather, the land in sight to the South 4 miles, at 12 the breeze freshened and kept the ship off to the Eastward along the land, Nothing of the Whale kind, Lat by Acc 66° 55'

Friday July the 26th Commences with a light breeze from the West and foggy weather the fog lifting up at intervals, the ship with all sail set steering off to the Eastward along the land in company with the Wm Tell at 3 P.M. passed a cape and sailed up S.E. some scattering ice in sight, at 7.30 P.M. saw a Whale and lowered from three boats & struck him to the waist boat and at 11.30 got him to ship, at 12.30 P.M. began to cut and at 5.30 P.M. finished and got breakfast the Middle and latter part calm and pleasant, Employed Boiling, 7 ships in sight Lat by Acc 66° 45', the nearest land bearing per compass South East 3 leagues

Saturday July the 27th Commences calm and pleasant, the Watch Employed Boiling at 2 P.M. a light breeze from the S.E. & set sail heading in shore the Middle part light air and foggy, at 7 P.M. veered ship to the South and at 8 P.M. veered ship in shore to the S.E. and at 9 P.M. veered ship to the South at 10 P.M. spoke the ship Nelson of Fair Haven, the latter part a fresh breeze from the East with thick rainy weather, at 12 M. veered ship to the S.E. judging the land 20 miles off, several ships in sight, & the Whales scattering & visible

Sunday July the 28th Commences with a fresh breeze from the East attended with thick rainy weather, ship under whole top sail, jib & fore sail heading to the S.E. the Watch Employed Boiling, at 2 P.M. saw the land, same time saw a Whale going quick to the windward, at 3.30 P.M. veered ship heading off shore to the S.E. at 5 P.M. increasing strong breezes & double reefed the top sail, the Middle part light air and foggy, at 2 P.M. veered ship to the South and let the reef out of the top sail & set flying jib & main top gallant sail, the latter part light breezes and foggy at intervals, saw two Whales and chased them without success 16 sail in sight and no Whales, the land to the South 18 miles off

Monday July the 29th Commences with a light breeze from the East and heavy weather, the ship by the wind with all sail set heading to the Southward, the Watch Employed Boiling, at 3 P.M. saw a Whale & lowered one boat & chased him without success, at 6 P.M. veered ship to the Eastward the Middle part light air and fair weather, at 12 M. finished boiling and tracked ship to the South, at 4 P.M. saw Whales and lowered and chased them and at 10 P.M. struck one to the waist boat & the men drove, at 12 M. came on a thick fog and came on board to dinner, but calm 22 ships in sight before the fog set in, a few Whales & very shy