

Remarks While Cruising in the Arctic Sea

Friday August the 9th Commences with a light air from the West with cloudy weather, from 4 P.M. until 3 A.M. calm and pleasant at 3 A.M. breeze sprang up from the South and set all sail steering West at 11 increasing breezes and furlled the fore & main top gallant sails & flying jib, at 12 M kept off W.S.W. only with a strong breeze from the S.E. & cold & cloudy weather, No Polar Whales in sight Lat by Rot 68.55 North

Saturday August the 10th Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. attended with cold & cloudy weather, Ship steering N.W. at 3 P.M. began to rain at 6 kept the Ship N.W. the Middle part fresh breezes veering to the N.E. attended with a cold drizzly rain at 4 A.M. furlled the main top gallant sail at 6 A.M. the wind veered to the North braced the yards standing N.W. at 7 A.M. fresh gales with squally appearances of double reefed the top sails and furlled the jib at 10 A.M. the wind N.W. and the weather clear at 11 kept off S.S.E. with a fresh gale from the N.W. No Whales, No Whales, Lat by Rot 67.32 North

Sunday August the 11th Commences with a fresh gale from the N.W. with clear rugged weather Ship under double reefed top sails steering S.S.E. the land in sight to the S.W. 30 miles off at 5 P.M. hauled up to the Eastward along the land & at 6 P.M. the weather more moderate & let the out of the fore & main top sails & set the jib and main sail, the Middle and latter part moderate & cloudy, set all sail on the Ship, at 9 A.M. spoke the Ship Euphrates of New Bedford 13 months 2500, saw one Whale & chased him without success, at 12 M. tracked to the S.E. 12 Ships but no Whales in sight of the Polar kind Lat by Rot 66.40 North, the land to the South 10 miles off

Monday August the 12th Commences with a brisk breeze from the S.W. attended by cold cloudy weather the Ship with all sail set by the wind leading S.W. at 6 P.M. tracked to the N.W. the Middle part thick drizzly weather, the latter part light breezes from the North and pleasant weather No Polar Whales in sight Lat by Rot 67.00

Tuesday August the 13th Commences with a light breeze from the North and pleasant weather Ship with all sail set leading W.S.W. at 4 P.M. the wind veered to the N.E. and kept the Ship N.W. in company with 5 sail of vessels, through the night moderate breezes veering to the S.E. at 6.30 A.M. saw Whales, lowered three boats & struck one to the Starboard boat, and at 11 took him to the Ship & at 12 M. began to cut down with a strong breeze from the East & cloudy weather Lat by Rot 69.10 North

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Wednesday August the 14th Commences with a strong breeze from the East & cloudy weather, Employed cutting the Whale, at 3 P.M. began to rain at 6 finished cutting & furlled the fore & main top sails & jib and double the main top sail, the Middle part of fresh gale with rain, at 1 A.M. got the deck clear and began to boil, the latter part fresh gales with rain at intervals, saw five sail and several Whales of different kinds, Lat by Rot 68.30 North Long by Rot 169.50 West

Thursday August the 15th Commences with fresh gale from the East and thick rainy weather, the Watch Employed boiling, the Middle part strong gale with rain and fog, the latter part strong breeze from the S.E. and clear weather Ship with double reefed top sails set, saw a few Whales going quick Lat by Rot 68.47 North

Friday August the 16th Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. with clear rugged weather, at 2 P.M. let the rags out of the fore & main top sails, at 7 P.M. spoke the Barque Convention of Warren R.I. 13 months 1800, the Middle part moderate breezes and fair weather at 8 A.M. finished boiling, the latter part strong breezes rugged & heavy weather, three boats employed chasing Whales, but they are wild, Lat by Rot 69.00 North

Saturday August the 17th Commences with a strong breeze from the Eastward and rugged heavy weather, Ship with whole top sails set, at 2 P.M. it began to rain, and rain, at intervals throughout the night at 6 P.M. lowered three boats and chased Whales until 10 without success, the Middle part light light breezes and thick weather at 12 M. set the main top gallant sail & flying jib, at 6 A.M. calm & pleasant and chased Whales without success same time saw a Dead Whale & took him in tow and at 11 A.M. got him to the Ship and got breakfast and at 12.30 began to cut down calm and pleasant 12 sail in sight from off deck, & no Whales Samuel Wood sick & off duty, also Bowditch, the Portuguese Lat by Rot 68.50 North, Long by Rot 179.00 West

Sunday August the 18th these 24 hours Commences calm and pleasant Employed cutting the Whale, from 4 to 6 had a shower of rain at 5 finished cutting and got dinner & supper, at 6.30 began to boil, the Middle and latter part light breezes from the N.W. and cloudy weather, all hands employed boiling & chasing Whales, saw a few Whales going quick to the S.W. 17 sail in sight Lat by Rot 69.05 North

Monday August the 19th Commences without light breeze from the N.W. with moderate cloudy weather, at 1 P.M. lowered the boats & chased Whales without success until 6 P.M. Whales plenty but very shy, the Middle part calm & pleasant at 9 A.M. finished boiling same time a breeze sprang up from the S.E. set sail leading S.W. and lowered the boats and chased Whales without success Lat by Rot 68.55 North Long by Rot 179.30 West