

Remarks While Cruising in the Arctic Sea

Tuesday August the 20th 1850

Commenced with a brisk breeze from the S.E. & pleasant weather, ship with necessary sail set by the wind, at 1 P.M. commenced breaking out the fore hatchway to stow the oil, at 2 P.M. lowered three boats and chased whales three hours without success, the middle part strong breeze and fair weather, the latter part light air & pleasant, employed stowing down the oil saw two whales & lowered one boat to strike them, but could not come it left by 8 P.M. 89.05 Several ships in sight

Wednesday August the 21st Commenced with a light breeze from the Eastward, and fair weather, at 2 P.M. the wind veered to the N.W. and set in foggy, at 4 clear again and many the mast heads, the middle part light breeze and directly cold weather, the latter part calm and fair weather. No whales in sight, all hands employed stowing the oil, 17 sail in sight left by 8 P.M. 89.00 North long by 179.00 West

Thursday August the 22nd these 24 hours commenced with calm fair weather all hands employed stowing the oil, no whales in sight, at 4 P.M. a breeze sprang up from the S.E. braced the yards standing to the S.W. at 7 P.M. increasing strong breezes & furled the flying jib & main top gallant sail at 10 double reefed the top sails, and at 12 M. at 1 P.M. furled the fore & mizen top sails, from 12 to 6 P.M. strong gales & rugged weather the latter part more moderate and cloudy weather, ship in company with No whales, Samuel Wood recovered and an entry

Friday August the 23rd Commenced with a fresh gale from the S.E. and rugged cloudy weather at 2 P.M. the wind moderating set the top sails double reefed and set the jib and at 3 P.M. set the reefs out of the top sails and set flying jib & main top gallant sail, at 4 P.M. spoke the ship Warren of Warren 2300, the middle part light breezes from the N.W. & the latter part a brisk breeze from the S.E. and pleasant large fields of ice in sight to the Westward, chased whales several times through the day without success, North left by 8 P.M. 88.44

Saturday August the 24th these twenty four hours commenced with a brisk breeze from the Eastward with pleasant weather, from 2 to 4 P.M. a thick fog at 4.30 strong breezes and clear weather many the mast heads & furled the flying jib and main top gallant sail, the middle part strong breezes and fair weather the latter part wind much the same & rugged weather at 9 P.M. saw whales & lowered three boats & at 10.30 struck one to the Harbord boat & at 12 M. took him to the ship and got dinner some small pieces of ice about the ship, & the field ice bearing N.W. West 12 miles left by 8 P.M. 88.48

Now She took 2100 Bbls

Remarks While Cruising

Sunday August the 25th Commenced with a strong breeze from the S.E. and clear rugged weather, at 2 P.M. double reefed the top sails and began to cut the whale from 3 to 4 P.M. employed in peering ship at being too rugged to cut to the windward, at 8 P.M. finished cutting & secured ship to the S.E. at 12 M. at 1 P.M. began to hoist, the middle part fresh gales and rugged the latter part strong gales from the N.W. and foggy, at 10 P.M. closed up the fore & mizen top sails and furled the jib.

Monday August the 26th Commenced with a strong gale from the N.W. and rugged thick weather ship under short sail heading S.W. the weather employed hoisting, at 5 P.M. more moderate and clear, set the fore & mizen top sails double reefed and set the jib, the middle part strong breezes and hazy, at 5 P.M. moderate & set the reefs out of the top sails and set the main top gallant sail, at 7 P.M. saw a whale, lowered three boats and chased him three hours, & came on board again, the latter part light breezes & cloudy weather, left by 8 P.M. 88.40 North

Tuesday August the 27th these 24 hours commenced with a light breeze from the N.W. the weather cool & cloudy, ship by the wind standing to the North, all hands employed hoisting, at 4 P.M. the wind veered to the N.E. ship heading to the Eastward four sail in sight but nothing of the whale kind the middle & latter part light breezes & hazy weather, at 2 P.M. finished hoisting 135 Bbls at 7 P.M. began to break out to stow the oil at 12 M. saw 4 whales

Wednesday August the 28th Commenced with a light breeze from the Northward with moderate cloudy weather at 2 P.M. lowered two boats for a whale and chased until 5 P.M. without success, at 8 P.M. finished stowing 126 Bbls, the middle part fresh breezes & foggy, at 7 P.M. the weather clear and set the main top gallant & flying jib, the 24 hours ends with a strong breeze from the North & hazy weather, No whales

Thursday August the 29th Commenced with a strong breeze from the North with rugged hazy weather, at 4 P.M. increasing breezes & furled the main top gallant sail & flying jib, at 6 P.M. saw whales and lowered three boats & chased three hours without success, at 9 P.M. double reefed the top sails, and at 9.30 braced ship to the S.E. the middle part increasing gales with cold rugged weather at 5 P.M. furled the jib, and at 8 P.M. furled the fore & mizen top sails, the latter part a strong gale from the North with a turbulent sea & sail in sight, No whales No whales left by 8 P.M. 88.35 the long is supposed to be about 172.00 West