

Remarks While Cruising in the Arctic Sea

Friday August the 30th these twenty four hours commence with a strong gale from the North with cold cloudy weather & turbulent sea the ship lying too under double reef, main top sail & fore sail leading S.S.E. at 7 P.M. veered ship to the W.N.W. the middle part wind the same attended with frequent squalls of fog & hail, at 8 P.M. wore ship heading to the S.W., the latter part strong gales with rugged clear weather four sail in sight, one steering off S.E. but nothing of the whale kind Lat by Obs 68.35 North Long by Chron 173.50 West

Saturday August the 31st commences with a strong gale from the North attended with cold rugged weather, the ship lying too under double reef, main top sail & fore sail leading S.S.E. the middle part of the former at 4 A.M. wore ship to the W.N.W. the latter part the same strong gales with cold cloudy weather one sail sight to the Eastward nothing of the whale at 12 M wore ship heading S.W. Lat by Obs 68.25 North

Sunday September the 1st 1850 A continuation of strong gales from the North & the weather cold & cloudy ship lying under double reef, main top sail & fore sail leading S.W. the middle part wind veering to the N.W. & moderating at 5 A.M. set double reef, top sails at 6.30 lowered three boats for A. Whale & chased two hours without success, at 10 saw more whales and chased them without success, four sail in sight & several whales, very shy, Lat by Obs 68.20 Long by Obs 173.15 West

Monday September the 2nd commences with a strong breeze from the N.W. and rugged weather, the ship under whole top sails, at 3 P.M. struck A. Whale to the Starboard boat & lost A. line chased until 6 and came on board to sea, at 8 P.M. wore ship to the North and lay with the head yards aback until day light 4 A.M. at 7 A.M. veered ship to the S.S.E. and at 9 saw whales and lowered four boats and chased until 12 M when the wind changed to the S.E. & came up A. thick fog, so come on board and took up the boats, Lat by Obs 68.10

Tuesday September the 3rd commences with a light breeze from the S.E. attended with a thick fog ship by the wind heading to the S.E. at 7 P.M. wore ship to the S.S.W. & double reef, the top sail, & furled the jib, the middle part of fresh breeze from the S.W. and thick foggy weather at 7 A.M. A light breeze from the North & clear at intervals let the reef, out of the top sail, and kept off S.S.E. at 11 A.M. saw two whales going quick to the N.W. same time saw field ice to the Westward of Enar with a light breeze from the North and foggy at intervals with cold weather Lat by Obs 68.35 Long by Obs 172.50 West

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Wednesday September the 4th commences with a light breeze from the North with occasional fog squalls, ship steering S.S.E. at 3 P.M. it began to snow, at 5 the snow turned to rain at 6 P.M. the weather cleared up some & saw the land bearing per compass South East 10 leagues same time saw large fields of ice from the South round to the W.N.W. from 7 to 9 P.M. calm & foggy, at 8 A. breeze sprung up from the West & kept the ship S.W. at 10 increasing breezes and double reef, the fore & thirteen top sail, and at 11 P.M. double reef, the main top sail at 12 M increasing to a strong gale, from 12 to 1 A.M. furled the jib & fore & thirteen top sails & close reef, the main top sail & furled the fore sail and hoisted the ship too heading up S.W. by N, and off North, the latter part heavy gales with a turbulent sea & frequent severe squalls attended with snow & hail, at 7 A.M. saw A. sail to the North, at 12 M took up the boats

Thursday September the 5th commences with a heavy gale from the W by S, ship lying too under close reef, main top sail and fore topmast stay sail leading up S.W. by N & off North, attended with a turbulent sea & frequent heavy squalls with hail & snow, at 2 P.M. the squalls not so frequent nor so severe & the barometer at 29 & indicating a favourable change through the night the wind moderating, and at 6 A.M. set the fore sail and let one reef out of the main top sail, and at 7 set the fore top sail double reef, and kept off S.S.E. at 8 P.M. set the thirteen top sail & jib and let the reef, out of the fore & main top sails, the latter part a strong breeze from the W.N.W. with some squalls of snow, four sail in sight steering off to the S.E. Lat by Obs 67.21 North Long by Chron 172.51 West

Friday September the 6th commences with a strong breeze from the W.N.W. with occasional squalls of snow, the ship under whole top sail jib & fore sail steering S.S.E. at 2 P.M. set the main top gallant sail, at 4 P.M. saw the land, about 40 miles to the Westward of the Straits, bearing per compass South East 11 leagues, at 8 P.M. A thick snow storm & kept the ship East and furled the main top gallant sail & jib & double reef, the top sail, and hoisted up the fore sail, and at 10.30 P.M. luffed to the wind with the head yards aback, heading North, the middle part passing squalls of snow at 9 A.M. kept off S.W. by S. and at 5 set all sail, six ships in sight all bound through the Straits, A great many California Whales in sight at 12 M East Cape bore West East 10 miles and Portmanoff Island bore S.W. by S East 15 M Lat by Obs 66.03 North

Saturday September the 7th commences with a light breeze from the N.W. and fair weather, the ship with all sail set steering to the South at 2 P.M. passed through Bekovings Straits and kept the ship S by W the middle part calm and cloudy, and the latter part a light breeze from the S.S.E. with fine pleasant weather, eight sail in sight bound South saw A. number of Hump Back, & California Whales, no boat seen Lat by Obs 65.17 North Long by Chron 162.30 West