

Remarks, While Cruising about Behring's Strait.

Tuesday July the 15th.

Commences with a strong gale from the S.E. attended by a thick fog, the ship surrounded with field ice, which makes the water quite smooth, carrying double reef, top sail, and reef, courses to keep to the South wearing ship frequently as we get embayed in the ice at 3 P.M. passed to the South of a large field of ice and found a passage to the Westward at 4 P.M. the fog cleared same time saw the land to the S.W. 25 miles off, at 9 P.M. wore ship heading off shore, the middle and latter part wearing ship every three hours, at quantity ice about in small fields, the latter part light breezes with rain.

Wednesday July the 16th

Commences with a light breeze from the South, attended with rain, East cape bearing S by E Dist 30 miles, from 3 P.M. until 11 calm at 11 a light air from the North and kept the ship S.E. by E. at 2 P.M. the East cape bore S by W and kept off S.E. at 3 P.M. set in foggy and at 3.30 luffed to the wind with the head yards about large fields of ice in sight to the South, at 4 P.M. the fog cleared off some, same time kept the ship off to the Southward to go through the ice, at 6 P.M. entered the field of ice and at 11 P.M. passed through it and kept the ship S.E. by E with a light breeze from the North and fair weather saw California Whales but no Bowheads.

Lat by Obs 65° 35' North

Thursday July the 17th

Commences with a light breeze from the North with pleasant weather, the ship with all sail set steering S.E. by E, at 2 P.M. saw a large field of ice, at 3 P.M. passed the S.E. part of it and kept off South, same time it set in a thick fog, the middle and latter part light air and foggy at 10 P.M. unlashed the fore sail to repair at 12 M the fog cleared off and saw plenty California Whales. Lat by Obs 64° 44' North Long by Chron 170° 00' West

Friday July the 18th Commences calm & pleasant, at 4 P.M. took a light breeze from the South, at 5 P.M. tacked to the Westward, at 1 P.M. lowered for a Bowhead without success, the latter part strong breezes from the S.E. and foggy at intervals standing in for the land in company with the ship John Wells of New Bedford nothing this season.

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Saturday July the 19th

Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. & foggy at intervals, standing off & on the land in company with the ship John Wells of New Bedford. Mid night increasing breezes and a thick fog at 2 P.M. ran in to the leeward of an island came to an anchor in 18 fathoms with the small bower and 55 fathoms of chain, and found the ships City & Levi Starbuck of New Bedford, lying here at 9 P.M. the Captains came on board of us, the latter part strong breezes from the S.E. with thick rainy weather the latitude about 64° 40' North

Sunday July the 20th

these 24 hours commences with a fresh gale from the S.E. with thick rainy weather, the ship lying at anchor, the middle and latter part moderate breezes from the East attended with rain and a thick fog.

Monday July the 21st

Commences with a moderate breeze from the East attended with rain and a thick fog, the ship still lying at anchor, at 11 P.M. saw a Bowhead Whale near the ship, but it being so foggy we did not see him afterwards, the middle and latter part baffling air with a thick fog.

Tuesday July the 22nd

Commences calm and very foggy, the ship at anchor one mile from the shore, the middle and latter part calm and foggy, nothing of the whale kind.

Wednesday July the 23rd

Commences calm and foggy at 1 P.M. the fog cleared with calm pleasant weather, the ship lying at anchor, at 3 two canoes came off to us with 13 natives in them, Mr. Barras went & gunning without any success, the middle part calm and some foggy at 9.30 P.M. took a light breeze from the S.E. same time man'd the windlass and set all sail and at 10 P.M. broke ground and stood off to the East in company with the City and Levi Starbuck. Ends with a light breeze from the S.E. and foggy at intervals.