

1867

In Mercury Bay

Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1867

Begins with brisk breeze from N. with thick foggy ship at anchor middle and latter part the same weather with fresh wind

Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>

Begins with fresh gale from N. with thick foggy and rain ship at anchor middle and latter part much the same nothing in sight

Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>

Begins with light breeze from N. with foggy ship at anchor at 5 P.M. the fog lifted some part of ice to the eastward and very heavy middle and latter part light foggy wind S.W. at 5 P.M. took anchor worked up the bay at 10 P.M. anchor again in 23 fathoms of water the ice quite open

Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup>

Begins with light wind from S.W. and pleasant ship at anchor at 2 P.M. sent 3 boats up the bay to look for whales saw Bank to the south middle and latter part pleasant at 9 P.M. took the anchor employed working up the bay the 3 boats not yet returned plenty of ice so ends this day no whales

Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>

Begins with moderate wind from S.W. with pleasant weather ship working up the bay the boats not yet returned middle part the same latter part foggy with the wind N.W. had a tempest at 5 P.M. found very heavy ice and thick the ship could go no further and could not work back again took in all sail blocked in the ice the Bank endeavor in company so ends this day very bad took three boats off

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Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>

Begins with fresh wind from N.W. with foggy rain and thunder ship with all sail in and blocked in the ice middle part the same latter part set all sail employed working to the N. thick foggy and plenty of ice the boats not yet returned so ends this day

Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>

This day light winds and calm ship working in the ice very thick and heavy spoke Bank endeavor one whale so ends this day Washington Head having N.W. dist 9 miles so ends this

Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>

Begins with very light weather and pleasant at 4 P.M. dropped a small anchor to drag at 7 P.M. the boats returned had seen nothing middle and latter part light and pleasant at 8 P.M. took the anchor and working in shore

Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>

Begins with light wind from N. and pleasant at 3 P.M. came to anchor in 6 fathoms of water with the starboard anchor and clear of ice latter part employed repairing sails sent two boats off on a cruise saw nothing

Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>

Begins with fine pleasant weather ship at anchor at 3 P.M. the boats returned plenty ice in the bay middle and latter part pleasant ship at anchor and plenty of ice at 5 P.M. started two boats for Hunter Bay

Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>

Begins with pleasant weather from the N.W. middle and latter part thick foggy and rain ship at anchor latter part got a sight of water plenty of ice ship at anchor the two boats not yet returned