

Remarks on Board off the Fox Islands

Sunday May the 26th 1850

Begins with fresh breezes from the South West
Steering North North West the watch employed
in boiling at 2 P M saw the Islands — &
Amela Middle Part strong winds & thick rainy airy
weather at 8 o'clock cooled down the works were ship 4
times at 3 o'clock commenced boiling again Latter Part
the weather much the same so ends this Day
no observation

Monday the 27th

Begins with strong winds from the South
South West thick weather & a bad sea the watch
employed in boiling ship heading South East
Middle Part wore ship 2 times Latter P a gale
from the South West ship on the Western
tack at 10 A M cooled down the works so end
Lat 51° 52

Tuesday the 28th

Begins with strong winds from the
West South West ship heading North
West at 1 P M saw the Land ahead & off the sea
low at 2 squared the yards & run down along shore
in sight of the breakers at 4 the wind more moderate
got up the larboard cable & beat it saw several
fur seal at sundown shortened sail & luffed to
the wind heading off shore at 8 started the work
at 10 the wind changed to the South South West
at 11 over cast weather the wind South by West at 3
rain cooled down the third time this watch whale
at 6 a strong gale from the East South East with
thick rainy weather ship heading South at meridian
the weather the same the wind changed to the South
ship heading West South West so ends this Day

Off the Fox Islands

Wednesday May the 29th 1850

Begins with a gale from the South with very
dirty weather ship heading West South West
at 2 P M wore ship the ship under close reef main
top sail & fore-sail main spencer & fore-top mast
say sail at the wind South South West 5.30 took
in the fore sail heavy squalls at 7 the wind to the
South South West blowing strong much the same
through the night Latter Part the gale the same
so ends the Day Lat 51° 57

Thursday the 30th

Begins with a heavy gale from the South
South West ship heading South East
at 2 P M set the fore top sail close reefed about
the sun then the bow boat got stove
this is the strongest gale that we have experienced
since we left the United States & to help it
out we have 100 casks of oil on deck & every thing
beamed with oil & smoke these are the sweets
of a whalers life at 9 o'clock shipped a sea &
sloved the waist Boat at 12 the gale much the
same latter Part of the night the ship lay a little easier
Latter Part rather more moderate but here we are
with 3 smashed Boats 2 new ones & one old one
at meridian the gale abating set the fore-sail
ship on the larboard tack heading West
so ends this Day in Lat 51° 35
Long 172° 00