

Chas Phelps

Bound to the Mts
Wednesday April 5th 1848

Fresh breeze from the N.W. and dark cloudy weather. Heading to the wind to the N.W. under whole fore and main top sails, single reefed mizen top sail, jib and main sail. At 1 set the fore jib and main top gallant sail. At 8 wind hauls to the N. and breeze. At 9 took in the jib. Breezing on in squalls. At 4 took in main top of sail. At 5 double reefed the top sails. Latter part smart squalls and ruggid. At 9 took in the jib. Moderate gale

41.48

145.11

Thursday April 6th

Flowing a moderate gale from the W. with smart squalls and very ruggid. Standing by the wind to the N.W. under double reefed top sail and main sail. At 3 turned a reef out of the main top sail. Middle part smart squalls. At 4 reefed the main top sail. Latter part very ruggid. At 8 took in the main sail

41.54

144.50

Friday April 7th

Flowing a gale from the W. and ruggid. Heading N.W. under double reefed top sails. Moderate a little. At 4 set the main sail. At 6 took it in going. Middle part set jib and main sail. At 6 set whole top sail. At 8 set the fore jib. Untent the fore sail and began to mend it.

42.43

Saturday April 8th

Light winds from the W. and a heavy sea. At 4 finished the fore sail and tent it. Wind N.W. At 5 set all sails. Course N.W. by N. Nothing seen. Middle part wind S.W. and a bad head beat sea. Course N.W. Latter part the wind hauls to S.E. and smoky. Sea smooths down a little

43.53

Sunday April 9th

Light breeze from the S.E. and smoky weather. Steering N.W. with all sail set to advantage. Saw a finback. Middle part the weather the same. Latter part wind hauls to the E. and rainy dirty weather. At 10 breezing on fast. Taking in sail. At 11 under double reefed top sails and fore sail. Flowing hard and rainy

no obs.

Monday April 10th

Fresh breeze from the S. and rainy dirty weather. Set single reefed top sail, main sail and main top gallant sail. Course N.W. At 3 wind hauls to the S.W. and breezing on. Taking in sail. At 6 under a close reefed main top sail and fore sail and main Spencer. Middle part moderate down and hauls to S.S.E. Latter part at 5 set all sail. Smoky weather and quick rough

48.38

146.20

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Tuesday April 11th 1848

Light winds from the S.E. and smoky weather. Some rough steering N.W. with all sail set. Saw 2 finbacks. Breezing on with thick foggy weather. At 9 took in the top gallant sail and fore jib. Middle part moderated. At 2 set all sail. Latter part wind the same with a drizzly rain. No obs

51.05

145.50

Wednesday April 12th

Light winds from the S.E. with thick drizzly weather. Steering N.W. with all sail set. At 3 the wind shifted to the N.W. and the fog cleared up. Standing by the wind to the N.W. Middle part at 7 took in fore and mizen top of sail. Snow squalls. Latter part breezing on and frequent snow squalls. Took in sail to double reefed top sails and fore sail. Course N.W. Saw several finbacks

53.28

146.30

Thursday April 13th

Flowing strong from the S.W. with frequent snow squalls and ruggid. Steering N.W. under double reefed top sails and fore sail. At 4 took in fore and mizen top sails. Saw finbacks and a humpback. Middle part flowing heavy in squalls. Water froze on deck an inch thick. Latter part strong wind from N.W. and ruggid. Set double reefed top sails. Moderate At 10 set single reefed top sails jib and main sail

54.44

147.50

Friday April 14th

Moderate winds from the N.W. and ruggid. Heading N. under single reefed top sails jib and main sail. Saw 2 finbacks. At 5 almost calm. At 6 a breeze sprang up from the E. Latter part a lively breeze. At 11 set main top gallant sail and stowed N.W. At 5 saw a whale. At 6 lowered and got close on but could not strike. Came on board and stowed N. Breezing on. Double reefed the top sails. Saw several finbacks. Snowing

55.10

Saturday April 15th

Fresh breeze from the E. and heavy foggy weather. Steering N.W. under double reefed top sails. At 1 saw a whale lowered but did not get very near him. Breezing on. At 3 took in the fore and mizen top sails and sufficed to the ground N by E. Flowing strong and ruggid. At 6 close reefed the main top sail. A drizzly kind of snow storm. At 9 took in the fore sail. Blowing heavy and a bad sea running. Latter part at 7 saw ship to the S.E. The weather continues the same. No obs

Sunday April 16th

Flowing a gale from the E. north a drizzly snow storm and very ruggid. Ship lying too heading S.W. under a close reefed main top sail. Middle part moderated fast. At 12 saw ship and set the fore sail. Latter part lively breeze with frequent snow squalls. Set single reefed top sails and stowed N.W. Saw many finbacks

56.26

149.10