

Log Book of Ship Cha. Phelps of Stonington Billings Burtch Master

319 Friday August 15th Commenced with a strong breeze from S.E. heading E. with cloudy weather at 5 P.M. saw the land bearing from Ch. to Ch. E. distant from 40 to 50 miles, seen no whales, last part of P.M. calm at 8 A.M. took a light breeze from W. A.M. sent the main yard on deck & shifted the Starboard end over on the Starboard side & fished it on account of its being badly sprung, saw the land bearing from Ch. W. to E. Lat. by Obs. 65. 05 Long. by Chron. 176. 45 W.

320 Saturday August 16th Commenced with pleasant weather from W. steering S.E. saw no whales last part of P.M. & first of A.M. calm at 5 A.M. took a breeze from Ch. E. heading E.S.E. along the land.

321 Sunday August 17th Commenced with pleasant weather & strong breeze from Ch. E. heading E. S. E. along the land, trying to get through the straits at 6 P.M. Cape Chapin bearing Ch. E. distant 12 miles course Ch. E. to remainder of P.M. & all A.M. beating to windward Lat. 64. 25 Long. 172. 25

322 Monday August 18th Commenced with a moderate breeze from Ch. E. beating to windward at 6 P.M. Cape Chapin bearing Ch. E. distant 7 miles at 6 P.M. Spoke Bark Gratitude of Galveston, he had come from the Arctic direct, with a part of three ship wrecked crews, of which we took 5 men on board here as passengers to the Sandwich Islands, the Gratitude informs there is no whales in the Arctic, at 8 P.M. steered off S.E.W. hauled back to the south again, last part of P.M. & all A.M. light airs from Ch. E. with some fog

323 Tuesday August 19th Commenced with light airs from W. heading S.W. with some fog at 6 P.M. Cape Chapin bearing Ch. E. distant 30 miles, all A.M. pleasant seen no whales, wind from W. heading S.W. Lat. by Obs. 62. 30 Long. by Chron. 179. 57 W.

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Wednesday August 20th Commenced with pleasant weather from W. heading S. S. W. 2 P.M. wind hauled to S.W. tucked ship heading W. Ch. W. last part of A.M. wind hauled to S. some fog Lat. by Obs. 64. 15 Long. by Chron. 177. 25

Thursday August 21st Commenced with pleasant breezes from S. heading W. S. W. some fog squalls seen no whales, A.M. commenced & ended about the same with plenty of ice around. Lat. 63. 57 Long. 178. 04 W.

Friday August 22nd Commenced with light airs from S.E. steering about among the ice in search of whales seen no whales, but considerable fog, there 24 hours continues & ends as it began

Saturday August 23rd Commenced with light airs from Ch. W. steering along the edge of the ice at 5 P.M. saw a dead whale, took him alongside & cut him, finished cutting at 11 P.M. at 4 A.M. started the try works, 5 A.M. double reefed the topsails, with a strong breeze from Ch. some rain

Sunday August 24th Commenced with a strong breeze from Ch. crew employed at Boiling, some rain fore part of A.M. blowing strong took in fore & main topsails, & continued so all A.M. wind from Ch. heading E.

Monday August 25th Commenced with a gale from Ch. heading E. under double reef main topsail & fore sails, crew employed at Boiling at 4 P.M. took in fore sails, at 9 P.M. finished Boiling, fore part of A.M. close reefed the main topsails, about noon moderated some.

Tuesday August 26th Commenced with a gale from Ch. heading E. under close reef main topsail with fog & rain at 6 P.M. moderated set double reef main & fore topsails A.M. strong breeze again took in fore topsails & fore sails, employed at stowing down oil Lat. by Obs. 62. 30 Long. by Chron. 179. 57 W.