

Log Book of Ship Chas. Phelps of Stonington Billings Burch Master

Days from home Wednesday April 14th Commences & ends with moderate breezes from S. steering ch. A. M. thick fog

559 Thursday April 15th Commences with moderate breezes from S. with fog at 4 P.M. clear weather. Steering S. the fore part of A.M. lay to with main topsail aback at 6 A.M. saw the Plummock Islands bearing W. ch. W. distant 30 miles. at 11. saw Marakan Islands bearing S. E. all A.M. peasant breezes from W. ch. W. Lat. by Obs. 46. 30 Long. by Chro. 130. 53

561 Friday April 16th Commences with pleasant breezes from W. S. W. steering S. ch. W. in Rosolof Straits, trying to effect a passage in the Oboltsk Sea at 4 P.M. the sea that ~~entirely~~ entirely blockaded the Straits. saw Bratonsoff Islands bearing W. at 8 P.M. hauled on the wind heading E. the last of A.M. steering ch. S. E. at 8 A.M. saw the right whale & lowered for him. Sp. thick fog & continues to the remainder of A.M.

562 Saturday April 17th Commences with Mod. w. breezes from S. E. heading S. ch. W. thick fog at 3 P.M. calm at 9 P.M. light air from S. W. A.M. no fog, but strong breezes from W. ch. W. heading ch. S. E. Lat. by Obs. 47. 25 Long. by Chro. 134. 19

570 Sunday April 18th Commences with strong breezes from ch. W. heading ch. S. E. under single reef topsails at 8 P.M. saw the Land bearing W. ch. W. the wind & continues from ch. W. all A.M. Lat. by Obs. 48. 45 Long. by Chro. 139. 50

564 Monday April 19th Commences with strong breezes from S. W. heading S. ch. S. E. under double reef topsails. Several Islands in sight at 7 P.M. close reefed the topsails in preparation of a gale, at 9 P.M. blowing a gale from W. ch. W. hury to under a close reef main topsails, the weather is intensely cold, freezing the salt spray almost the instant they strike the deck.

565 Tuesday April 20th Commences with a gale from W. ch. W. heading S. W. under close reef main topsails, the Land bearing ch. W. distant 30 miles. at 6 P.M. Moderated, at midnight calm at 4 A.M. strong breezes from S. W. under double reef topsails heading S. W.

566 Wednesday April 21th Commences with strong breezes from S. W. beating to leeward under single reef topsails, fore part of A.M. calm, at 5 A.M. took a breeze from S. E. & started S. W. Lat. by Obs. 49. 27 Long. by Chro. 144. 17

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Days from home Thursday 22nd Commences with moderate breezes from S. E. steering ch. W. in the entrance to the Oboltsk Sea, at 8 P.M. in the sea, steering ch. W. at 7 A.M. saw the ice bearing from S. W. to S. E. blowing strong at this time, took in the fore topsail & wore ship heading S. E. at 10 blowing a gale & showing fast from S. E. S.

558 Friday April 23rd Commences with a strong gale from S. E. & heading S. E. at one P.M. close reefed the main topsails showing fast, at 8 P.M. the gale broke, the first of A.M. the wind hauled to S. & commenced bleeding on the east of S. W. wind from S. W. heading W. S. W. under close reef topsails & fore sail Lat. by Obs. 49. 48 Long. by Chro. 137. 58

564 Saturday April 24th Commences with a strong breeze & snow from ch. W. heading W. S. W. under close reef topsails & fore sail at 8 P.M. considerable loose ice about, wore ship heading S. W. S. at 8 P.M. took fore & main topsails, A.M. clear weather & a strong breeze from W. Lat. by Obs. 50. 58 Long. by Chro. 132. 30

570 Sunday April 25th Commences with clear weather & a strong breeze from W. heading ch. S. W. under close reef main topsails & fore sail, last of 2. M. Moderated, 3 A.M. made sail heading ch. W. Lat. by Obs. 51. 48 Long. by Chro. 131. 38

Monday April 26th Commences with pleasant, but cold weather from W. & W. S. W. heading S. S. W. & ch. W. at 7 P.M. saw a ship, A.M. saw great quantities of ice, steering various directions among the ice, Lat. by Obs. 51. 37 Long. by Chro. 131. 36

572 Tuesday April 27th Commences with pleasant weather from W. Dig. Laying about amongst the ice in trying to get to the S. at 10 P.M. beating out of the ice, in company with Ship Massachusetts of Braintree, the last of P.M. all of A.M. calm Lat. by Obs. 51. 53 Long. by Chro. 131. 33

573 Wednesday April 28th Commences with a moderate breeze & pleasant weather from S. beating to leeward to clear the ice, at 8 P.M. they came out into clear water, A.M. strong breezes from S. with snow under double reef topsails at 8 A.M. Steered off S. E. S. along the edge of the pack, at 11 hauled on the wind heading S. E. Lat. by Obs. 52. 48 Long. by Chro. 132. 41