On board Ship Addison in the Arctic Ocean-
August 8th 1859. Foggy more or less throughout the day.
Spoke the John Howland Capt Whelden, picked up one dead
whale this season. 13 ships in sight. passed the Elisa
Adams, saw the Barque Fortune.
9th Quite clear with a strong breeze still from the North
we have been beating for the last ten days, have seen
considerable floating ice during the day. In the afternoon
spoke the Rebecca Sims. Capt. Haines came on board and
stopped until half past eleven P.M. his wife remains at
Hilo this season. he has taken nothing this season-
21 months out, 400 bbls. he heard by him that whale oil
in April was down to 46 cts per gallon. if that was the case
probably our oil that we sent home was sold much lower
than we supposed it would be. I wish we had all on board
that we have taken this voyage. Oh, how many poor souls
there are around here just now - and we all but fair to
leave the ground in the same condition, these are
trying times. 8 ships in sight. land in sight all day.
10th Cold and blustering but quite clear. we are off shore
quite a distance today and find a considerable ice,
patches of it several miles in extent also considerable
loose floating ice. sent the boats to the edge of the ice
after dinner for walrus which were in great numbers
on the ice they could not get in to the ice far enough to be
successful they took two which they brought to the ship -
they are the worst looking creatures that I ever saw without
exception. Saw three ships gamming one of which was the
Rebecca Sims. after tea we went down to them, and Samuel
went on board the R. S. where the Captains had congregated,
very soon he came back, however, not meeting with a very
cordial reception, for the Captains wanted to come here
where the lady was. they came back with him and we
passed a very pleasant evening. they were Capt. Haines of
the Rebecca Sims nothing this season. Capt Clark of the
Bartholomew Gosnold, two whales and Capt. Thomas of the
Eliza Adams 1600 bbls he is the highest by far of any one
here, except the Mary & Susan she has 1400. they took it
off Shaddens from the 16th May to the 16th June, have