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Wednesday 22 commenced with light winds from S.E. with clear and pleasant weather. Steering by the wind on different tack several all sail saw the whales and about 15 ships passed the ship. The ship was sailing her last whale as we saw her. As we heard of her several days ago with 2800 and she carried but 3000. She has done the best of all the fleet this season at sundown hoisted the courses and topgallant sails doubled reefed the topsails middle part had strong breeze from S.E. to laying by the wind to the eastward with the main topsail to the mast at 4 past 5 P.M. saw a dead whale to the windward distant 4 miles thinking that he was about 1/2 blasted much we set the fore sail and stood along for an hour or 2 and were we fetched about 1/2 mile to the windward of him at this time the wind had increased to a gale we ran along side of him and found he was bursted from his flukes to his head. At the same time hoisted the foresail and foretop sail close reefed the main and main topsails and laid the ship by the wind heading S.E. blowing heavy saw several ships steering to the south and large flocks of birds going the same way. Lat 68° 25' Long 141° 33'

Thursday 23 commenced blowing at gale from S.E. steering by the wind heading S.E. under close reefed the main and main topsails at 1 o'clock went S.E. to the eastward hoisted main topsails and set main spencer at sundown blowing heavy with heavy swell. Middle part blowing strong with snow and rain. Lower part the same passed at ship on the starboard tack.

Friday 24 commenced blowing at heavy gale from S.E. steering by the wind on the starboard tack under close reefed main topsails fore topsails at sundown and main spencer had by north of S.E. and rain.

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at 6 o'clock were ship to the S.E. Middle part the same. Latter part more moderate at 7 o'clock P.M. were ship to the eastward at 10 saw a dozen sails most of them standing to the westward saw a devil fish gull and other small trash. Employed at starting up east of bread.

Lat 68° 25' Long 141° 33'

Saturday 25 commenced with a moderate gale from S.E. steering by the wind to the S.E. stood under close reefed main and main topsails spencer and reefed fore sail saw wallrus devil fish 2 ships gulls and ducks. At 4 o'clock A.M. we were surprised to see a ship coming from the windward and steering direct for us she crossed our stern and came to under our lee quarter with her hailing distance she proved to be the ship of New Bedford. With master. She had lost rear of her self and wished to find out where he was. His log was 168 and ours 141.30 making 3 degrees difference. Middle part strong breeze and heavy swell at 2 o'clock P.M. hoisted up the foresail but thick fog with rain at 4 were ship to the S.E. latter part saw her on the back and devil fish saw 3 sails the last 2 hours of the day color set whale foresail.

Lat 68° 25' Long 169° 00'

Sunday 26 commenced calm. Employed at securing sail and putting the boat down on the lower cross saw 8 sails and green every devil fish.

3 o'clock in the morning just called the cook have thick fog with rain and the thermometer stands 50° day sees below zero cold enough to freeze but water before it gets cold and still growing colder and my watch on deck rather hard times with the captain would leave the article I have had brought for this season we have nothing else of late work than this.