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Friday 8th commenced with fresh breeze from East steering by the Wind heading S.E. under single reefed topsails and courses at 4 o'clock at 6 o'clock double reefed the fore and main topsails and hauled the mizzen at 8 o'clock the wind hauled at 8 kept the ship at the old ball is labouring heavy enough to shake her old bones to pieces we have a heavy cross sea running which knocks her at bait as if she was of the coast Middle part moderate at 10 o'clock still carried away the main top sail while turning out reefs it had been sprung for the last 6 months latter part employed at hauling the old yard down and putting it ashore was down a sail at head etc observations weather thick and rising
Lat 41 10

Saturday 9th commenced with moderate breeze from S.W. with fog and rain steering S.E. by 6 employed at crossing main top sail yard and heading the sail at 2 o'clock had the sail set so here we are all right once more. Middle part wind and course the same latter part fresh breeze from S.W. bent and set fore top sail at 4 o'clock had one sail to the S.W. steering S.E.
Lat by obs 45 40

Sunday 10th commenced with fresh gales from S.W. steering S.E. by 6 under all sail ship rolling very heavy had to turn up the bow and waist boat coiled and stowed away the small lines the we used in polar whaling Middle part wind and weather the latter part more moderate rain at ship's head steering S.E. struck a porpoise at noon
Lat 48 30

Monday 11th commenced with fine breeze from S.W. steering S.E. under all sail and further holds his own a hand the skettles gear as loose Middle part wind and weather the same latter part fresh breeze employed at a little of every thing bent and set lower steering sail two three rather gained on our friend and with our additional steering sail I think we shall pass him took down the cabin stove

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Tuesday 12th commenced with fine breeze and pleasant weather employed at common ship's duty. Unrove the cutting falls the skipper as early as ever he spent his to the one but the day was very seldom to him and further is rather losing ground in the last 24 hours we have 8 miles of her we shall pass him in 6 hours more official part light winds from S.W. courses S.E. latter part strong breeze from S.W. steering by the wind heading S.E. by 6 under all sail our friend still holds his own and unroves the
Lat 46 19

Long 146 34 by account that Wednesday 13th commenced with fresh breeze from S.W. steering by the wind heading S.E. by 6 our first view is to the Eastward distant 10 miles we have been employed at a little of every thing that should not be done in this cold weather but the mate wishes to please the skipper God grant he may it is more than I shall try to do I have tried enough and shall try the more I will let every thing take its own course and trouble myself as little as possible I find it the only way to get along in the world Middle part the wind I crease to half at 4 o'clock hauled top gallant sails and double reefed the topsails at 4 o'clock still had her under reefed courses and close reefed topsails saw our friend at hand distant 5 miles the latter part hauled the main sail for the last 48 hours we have been blessed with a steady rain with the wind from S.W. to S.E. steering by the wind to the southward
Lat 48 49
Long 146 40