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Sunday 3 first part of this day strong gales from S & steering by the wind to the West Middle part calm latter part had strong breeze from S & steering at 1/2 under all sail

Lat 35° 27' N

Long 142° 21' East

Monday 4 this commenced with fresh gales from S & steering at 1/2 At sundown all sail but double reefed main and close reefed mizen top sail and luffed by the wind to the Eastward blowing strong through the night At 8 o'clock P.M. the wind hauled to the westward blowing heavy with plenty of rain which made it very cold and disagreeable No observations

Lat by 37° 10' N

Long 143° 20' East

Tuesday 5 Lat 40° 39' N Long 144° 30' East has pleasant weather saw white whales lower and the 4 labourer boats without success

Sunday 10 first part of this day blowing heavy from the Eastward with hail and rain Middle and latter part moderate Saw pinkbacks Water very much discoloured Lat 42° 28'

Monday 11 first part of this day light weather latter part blowing heavy from S & No observations Saw pinkbacks

Tuesday 12 first part blowing a gale from the westward Middle part calm latter part blowing heavy from S & luffing by the wind on the starboard tack had plenty of hail and snow No observations made the first fire in the cabin our last must be about 42° 20' N

Lat Long 145° 30' East

Wednesday 13 this day commenced blowing heavy from S & luffing by the wind on the starboard tack Under close reefed main top sail and mizen stay sail tried the pumps and found the air leaking but at 4 o'clock wet hull

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13 I for one am almost tired of living and I think that I have good cause to be For 4 and 20 years I have led a miserable life and the prospect for it closing is small the colder I grow the deeper I plunge into sin and misery I cannot resist temptation all though I am well aware it is leading me to everlasting misery

Latte part blowing heavy with very heavy swell Lat 44° 10' had plenty of ice and snow

Thursday 14 This day commenced blowing heavy from the westward we have all kinds of bad weather and had back our deck leaks and with the hose had the labourer after rain to forward back stay part we had a pleasant job to splice it Latter part employed at breaking out the fore hole to find where the oil leaks but what we saw was in the good order Saw a ship at stern gassing in us for 11 Lat 44° 10' N

Friday 15 commenced blowing a gale from the Westward called all hands to stow off the fore hole saw a ship to the Eastward drawing up to us fast at 6 o'clock came up and spoke us it proved to be the John Knowlton of New Bedford Middle part strong breeze and very cold hull water would freeze as quick as it touched the deck Latter part fine weather but strong breeze employed at putting up preventive back stays on the main topmast Lat 44° 37' N

Long by Lunar 145° 30' East Saw 2 sails steering with us to the Eastward

Saturday 16 first part of this day strong breeze from the westward steering about by compass employed at setting up main topmast back stays saw 2 sails