

Thursday April 16th

Light wind from the E. & NE and Snow flurries, Said aback East night while Dark. Bent to the East in the fore noon. After noon worked to the North in the scattering ice, Saw no whales but a finback, Saw hogs and 3 or 4 seals. At night we run out of the ice without the fly line and put it in the cabin to thaw it out.

Lat 62° 42' Long E by Ch 178° 24'

Friday April 17th

Light variable wind from N to E & E. and fine weather. In the morning spoke Barque Massachussetts & I went on board of her a while. She is from the West and has seen the Orward Ocean, President & Qujeng to the west of here. While I was on board of her we saw a Bowhead turn flukes and going to the North quick. Saw some birds, some seals and a walrus on the ice. We bent to the NE all day. The wind was so light that we did not get far. We put our lines in the boats for whaling.

Lat by obs 62, 40 Long by Ch 177, 48 East

Saturday April 18th

Said aback last night. This morning looked light air from the South and a light swell from S. In the morning set all sail & steered N by E all day as high as we could for the ice. In the morning Capt Wilcox came on board a while. At 4 PM we came to thick ice and pitched up. Massachussetts on company. Saw a ship or Barque following us to the North. Saw something we called a ship a long way to the W of us. Saw plenty of ducks and hogs along the ice.

Lat by obs 61, 00 Long E by Ch 178, 10

Sunday April 19th Light wind from

W to NW and fine weather. Worked to the NE very little last night & closed up tight all day in the ice. Barque Massachussetts close by. This afternoon I went on board the Massachussetts and spent the afternoon with Capt Wilcox & wife, & the Quin the Mate came on board of us and spent the afternoon. We caught 3 small seals. Saw plenty of ducks in a hole of water.

Lat by obs 61, 20 Long E by Ch 178, 13

Monday April 20th

Light air from N and fine clear weather for this time of year. We and the Massachussetts lay close hauled in ice and sails closed up. Some of our crew went on board the Massachussetts. Employed on board in getting out a fly line of fine twine and put them in the sail bin ready for use. Took 4 casks of potatoes out of the fore hatch & 2 casks from keelson & put them in the after hatch & filled up with wood in the after hatch between decks. Rashed the shifting boards over between fore & main hatch, trying to get the ship more by the stern. Cooper made hoop baskets for torch light for cutting. We had a roast seal for dinner and it tasted like a wild duck & all liked it.

Lat by obs 61, 19 Long E by Ch 178-13

Tuesday April 21st

Light wind from E to S.E. & S. & West, Weather fine. In the fore noon set all sail and only moved a whiff's length all day. Finished arranging things between decks & washed off the deck and then a seal on the ice & could not get near them. Massachussetts 2 miles to the N of us. Run some balls for my gun.