

Saturday April 25th Last night blew a gale of Wind from E and a big Swell leaving in from South South East. We hove in on the whale line till we struck the line, then we let the line lay. The ice soon broke up that we was anchored to, so we hauled on the Cutting jells and hatches, then we set Stagsails and jags through the ice to the S.E. a leading S.S.E. We held on to the whale till 8 in the morning, then the line parted in one shot of the whale & it was Chafed off by Cabel on the bottom. So we saved all three boats line, the whale was on the bottom all the time, we was drifting. Through the Day the wind blew strong from E and a big Swell from S.S.E. and a thick Snow Storm, through the Day we carried Stagsails and held on in the clear spots. At night moderated & I went on board of Massachusetts a while, the Massachusetts is with us & the day seen this day 5 bowheads and we have seen 2 bowheads, this thick weather. We have drifted to the S.W.

Sunday April 26

Strong wind from E and a heavy sea rolling in from the South East laid upon opposite licks, lost and carried Stagsails through the ice and made very good weather of it. This morning we came to the Southern Fished ice and then stood to the North, At 1 P.M. sounded and got 30 fathoms water, then stood to the North and came up with ship Massachusetts & spoke her then we was in scattering ice and a great deal of clear water in shore. In the fore noon saw the land plain all along to the N and N.E. we are off Cape Hovorn & close in shore by the depth of water. The after noon thick and Snowy. We were ship at 1 P.M. and stood to the South for the 7 whales, after getting in to the ice, it was so thick and heavy there was danger of carrying away our buidlers, so I set a watch for Capt Wilcox to be around with me and get in to

the strips of clear water to the North of us, after getting out of the heavy ice Capt Wilcox came on board of us and we agreed to lay in this scattering ice through the night under short sail, heavy swell rolling in from the South, barometer down low & bad thickening weather. Hope we shall have a better night ahead. Looked to be

Monday April 27th

Last night we got in to a strip of water and laid aback & heavy swell from S.E. and came work in the ice. At 12 Sounded, got 15 fathoms of water, I thought we was close by the land, so I stood in to the ice, & stood through the thick ice and came to scattering ice, fresh wind from E & E and headed S.E. In the morning, the Massachusetts saw 3 bowheads & struck one & we helped catch him & had a good line & getting the whale along the thick ice, off 5 P.M. Massachusetts etc finished cutting & we took a light air from S.W. so we stood to the S.E. through the ice, saw plenty of hagsails & great quantities of duck flying to the S.E. The last two days had thick Snow Storm and barometer down low. This storm has been a regular breaking up of the ice, I think we are in the night to the West of Cape Hovorn. We want to get to the S.E. where we saw the whales before the storm. In the catch of my thumbs, very sore & painful place I hurt it with the line the other day, as the ice is well broke up the whales may have worked to the S.E.

Tuesday April 28th

Light wind from S.W. and and thick weather part the time. In the morning we saw a dead whale and called it black ice. So the Massachusetts was close by and when that it was a whale, and set