

Friday May 29th

Last night blowed strong from NNE and Cold weather. We anchored to the ice and took in all sail and the ice closed up snug. During the forenoon the wind moderated and the ice opened some. At 1 P.M. set sail and run 4 miles South and got in to a strip of clear water and laid on there. 15 or 30 ships in sight. Most all of them are to the S & W of us about 6 miles off. Saw 1 ship's boats down and saw 2 or 3 ships a-boiling. The ice is open to the S.W. of us. One brig in sight. Saw a ship cutting

Lat by obs 64, 15 Long by Ch 176, 50 West

Saturday May 30th

Fresh breeze from S and fine weather this afternoon. In the morning calm. At 5 in the morning saw a whale & followed for him and saw 6 or 7 in the forenoon. Had the boats off all day & did not get near a whale. 48 ships in sight, one of them is a brig and 2 Schooners, & ships a-boiling. Saw a clear sea to the S.W. of us for the first time in a month. Saw the Concord a-boiling

Lat by obs 64, 09 Long about 176, 50

Sunday May 31st

Light wind from S and fine weather. In the morning I went aboard the George Howland and got the story. If Capt Davis was on board there, Capt Davis reports the ice outward, kinden & distant and 5 ships all told gave in to heavy ice to the N.W. of us & I saw there is 15 ships in the ice that way. 52 ships in sight and several boiling, one or 2 whales taken here yesterday and a great many whales seen going to the N.E. Corbentarian 4 whales and several ships with one or 2 whales. Several ships boiling. The ice is going away fast. I laid in a hole last night and this forenoon & at 1 P.M. I stood in to the ice to the Eastward

Lat about 64, 10 Long about 176, 50

Monday June 1st

Fresh breeze from N.W. to N.E. and fine weather. We worked slowly to the N.E. last night and this forenoon, through loose ice, and about 70 ships steering the same course for the North Shore. At 9 P.M. land 10 or 15 miles off. I went aboard the Massachusetts and spent the day & Capt Pezzer came there and spent the afternoon. At 7 P.M. I had a look, drifting towards the land & some of the ships done the same. Delivered the Massachusetts 454 lbs of bone for gun share

Lat 64, 10 Long by Ch 175, 54

Tuesday June 2nd

Light wind from N.W. and good weather. In the morning set sail and tried to beat through an arm of ice into a strip of clear water. Did not succeed. Broke out 20 bbls of oil for the Massachusetts and Capt Wilcox came with his boat and towed it on board. Sold the Massachusetts one chest of tea 43 lbs at 50 Cts a lb. Capt Davis of the Nova & Capt Wilcox spent the afternoon with me. Sounded 44 fathoms. Strong current on top of the water setting

Lat by obs 64, 11

South and a under current setting S.E. Latter part of the day calm

Wednesday June 3rd

This day blowed a heavy gale from E and part the time put snow. In the morning we got in to a strip of clear water & worked to the landward in strips of clear water & breaking ice. We run against a big cake of ice in passing ship and split the white oak biter that was guarding the stem. Several ships in sight. Some fast in the ice & some in strips of clear water. The Nova close by me. Some ships are close in shore in the bay. This gale will destroy all the small ice. We are off the sight to the West of Cape Whiffpen