

Monday April 11th 1869 Strong wind from N.E. by N
 heading E by S most the time, Carrying reefed topsails
 and courses, thick snow squalls most the time, head dipping
 and bows loaded with ice, This morning Mr. Fern
 told me that Ben Bololo had sore fingers and he thought
 he got them froze last night, I called him up in the Cabin
 and soaked his fingers in cold water and then soaked the
 fingers in spirital of Turpentine or Lin. & then bound the
 fingers up in flannel & spirital of Turpentine, At 2 PM
 were ship and stood to the N.W. Wind N.E.

Lat by obs 36, 40 Long E by Ch 143, 45

Tuesday April 13th
 Begins with fresh wind from N.E.
 and heading N.W. Carrying reefed topsails, In the morning
 was ship heading through the Bay E by S, Wind strong from
 N.W. E, Carrying whole topsails till 4 PM then reefed,
 At 7 PM then courses & Lib. & leaves sail from
 S.E., Squalls with snow, freezing & bows loaded
 with ice, 2 men with fingers bit with frost, I think
 we are going to have a quite a bad night, very cold

Lat by, N.E. by

Wednesday April 14th
 Strong wind from N.W. First part of the day
 heading E.N.E. and carrying close reefed topsails &
 courses, In the morning set the courses, Lib. & double
 reefed topsails At 10 came up N.W. E, Head down from
 East, Snow squalls, This noon Peter Gormie came to me
 in the Cabin and said his fingers was sore, So I set by
 the Cabin stove all the afternoon and rubbed spirital of
 Turpentine on his fingers and rubbed it in & set his fingers
 felt better after rubbing, Weather not so cold as yesterday

Lat by obs 37, 41 Long E by Ch 143, 41

Thursday April 15th First part of the day wind
 N.W. heading E.N.E. Carrying all good weather
 In the morning came up to N.W. At 11 AM came by
 the ice and wind hauled to S.W. and headed along the ice
 N.W. till 1 PM then tacked off the ice & laid aback
 and put out the bow & starboard boats and got the
 5 boats ready, At 4 o'clock and stood to the west
 along the ice, All sail set, Saw 3 or 4 Pinbacks
 Whoby green water, Saw 3 or 4 sharp bills, Ice looking
 light but it is well south & thick & large men
 in the Cabin a doctoring, Weather not so cold,

Lat by obs 38, 40 Long N by arc 179, 20

Friday April 16th
 First part of the day light breeze from
 S.E. In the morning set all sail and turned to the N.W.
 and made the ice and then run to the west along the ice
 ice, Broke out a casting of water and lashed it forward so
 as to trim the ship more by the head, Closed up the fore
 and main topsails and repaired them, Sawed the
 leather on the bobstay, Cooper making a grain stone butt
 and hung a new stone, Carpenter put the wheels on
 the wheel luff a day making paddles, Put leather on
 the saws of the fore topsail yard & smoothed off the mast
 laid under that sail through the night

Lat by obs 39 15 Long E by Ch 148, 29

Saturday April 17th
 Fresh wind from N.W. and fine clear
 weather & cold, In the morning closed reefed the topsails and stood
 to the N.W. through the cutting ice till we came to close ice then
 laid aback, Saw the whales, Dugged the cutting stage and put it over
 the side, Saw 3 or 4 seals, Heavy sea in & light on the south edge
 We are in a hundred & 20 miles of Cape Navarin, This is a very long
 season of the ice is a long way from land, Very few birds
 seen, Latter part of the day run out of the ice
 Lat by obs 39, 13 Long E by Ch 148, 25