

Thursday May 1st 1869 Throughout the Night Fair

a strong wind from E. S. E. and a thick snow storm. At 8 P.M. two boats under close reefed topsails, in the morning the ice opened some. To the S. at all sail and worked the ship N. W. through the ice till 12 A. Then the ice closed up fast & the wind blew away and hauled southerly, caught a little seal, Edward & Isaac saw 2 miles off & his mark a long way off to the East. No clear water in sight.

Lat by obs 60, 23 Long by Ch 179, 04

Monday May 3rd

Last night blowed in from S. W. and the sea ran so we worked to the N. some, then to a strip of ice. This morning wind died and hauled to the W. & N. W. & N. and began up some. Ship rounded & held. Leaves, big small from S, got the ship in view ice and laid well for a while, then came in to the ice, cleared off, at 3 P.M. saw the clear sea to the S. 10 miles off and a black ship along the ice, set sail & hauled in our ice anchors and worked to the S. big sea & ice. Founding, got a catch of bread & some meat & potatoes on deck in case of accident. Lat by

Lat by obs 60, 08 Long by Ch 179, 22

Tuesday May 4th

Fresh breeze from N. and good weather, laid aback all day along the ice & 18 ships in sight here & all close by. In the morning the Florida spoke us and the Massachusetts spoke us & I went on board the Massachusetts & on board the Florida & on board John Carver, all ships gaining, his mark came out of the ice, I got letters from Berque Elizabeth Swift, Capt. Sullivan.

Lat by obs 59, 05

Wednesday May 5th

Moderate wind from N. N. E. and good weather, laying aback under close reefed topsails upon opposite tacks, in the morning spoke Berque Concord & I went on board and spent the day also. Capt. Palmer, 14 ships here in sight spoke Berque Progress.

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Thursday May 6th

Strong wind from N. and cold cloudy weather, 25 ships laying under short sail along the ice and our sails with them. Last night I was out all night looking for letters and cables but find our ship after going to several ships I stood on board the Concord till daylight, then I saw my ship and came on board read and wrote letters, saw a number of burbarks.

Friday May 7th

Light wind from N. to N. W. and fine weather, in the morning spoke James M. Allen, California, Hibernia & saw a boat and went on board Concord & took dinner, after dinner I went on board Trident, after supper I went on board Hibernia & while I got a lot of papers, 24 ships here in a group. Lat by obs 60, 05 Long about 179, 00

Saturday May 8th

Light wind from N. W. and fine weather. Last night the ice was closing us in, so we run out of the ice, left 9 ships in the ice & they are closed up 17 ships along the ice close by, I went on board the Massachusetts and spent the afternoon & Capt. Miller came & Capt. Wagner came on board and spent the afternoon.

Lat by obs 59, 44 Long by Ch 179, 50