

Friday May 28th

Light air from E.S.E. and foggy
 Part the time, Ship closed up in the ice & fast to the ice
 with sail furled, Saw & heard several bowheads last night
 and to day & some grampies, Saw the Sigsbee a sailing &
 the Oriole is coming towards us with sail set, See nothing
 away fast, No clear water in sight yet, Crew making spears
 etc.

Saturday May 29th

Lat about 61, 00 Long by Acc

Begins with light air from N and fine
 weather, Ship fast to the ice, The ice opened about the ship,
 Last night the Oriole came up to us in a half mile and made
 fast to the ice, This morning Capt. Halse came aboard and spent
 the day, At 8 AM light air from West, Ship sail to work to the
 N.E., Boat came after Capt. Halse, 6 ships in sight to West
 of us & 4 galleons to the S of us, Saw plenty of grampies,
 Saw flocks of ducks, Maglets & gulls, Some seals on the ice
 Capt. Halse saw plenty of whale feeds in the water yesterday, &
 the day seen quite plenty of bowheads, the last few days
 the most of the crew & myself has a cold

Lat by obs 61, 18 Long E by Ch 176, 55

Sunday May 30th

Light breeze from W and good weather and some
 foggy, Carried sail and worked to the N.E. through the night
 and to day, ice thin and open at times, 9 ships in sight and
 the Oliver Crocker is a sailing, The ships are hovering here
 around a body of dry ice, Saw seals, Saw no whales, The ships
 that drifted to the N of us are now lying about gone of them a
 sailing

Lat by obs 61, 20 Long E by Ch 177, 00

Monday May 31st

Last night had a light breeze from N.W.
 and we worked to the N.W. several miles, through the day
 calm and light variable air, Very fine clear weather and
 the sun shone warm, Land all along to the N.W. in sight a
 long way off, Eagle & Elizabeth Reef by track that in of the day
 saw whales a long some thing with seals, to the N.W. 10 miles of
 Oliver Crocker & Progress a sailing to the N.W., Saw the dome
 of Cape Harewood in sight, 9 ships in sight, The ice is very thin
 in places, Saw some seals, ~~nothing~~ but that night

Lat by obs 61, 25 Long E by Ch 177, 10

Tuesday May, June 1st

Light breeze from S.E. and
 clear in the morning, but thick fog latter part of the
 day, Last night as the sun was about setting in the West
 we saw plenty of whales spouting, Worked to the N.W. 4 miles
 through the night, Latter part of the night saw several bow-
 heads spouting, At 5 in the morning several whales around
 the ship, Hove to and took in sail, & lowered 2 boats, At 7 lowered
 2 more boats, See thick, the Potter struck a large
 whale with the darting gun, & whale took the line & came
 up near the boat, spouting good blood, the Colson & the Kern
 were down a cross the ice, the Colson & the Kern raised the
 whale from off the ice and cut off the line, the whale sunk
 with all the Otter line and his darting gun, he struck by
 Colson's, the line might have been saved, by backing it up & cutting
 it off from the whale, and the Warren might have raised his line a cross
 the ice & fastened to the whale, but he was too lazy to do so,
 Made fast to the ice and furled the ship, & put a reef in the ice
 where the whale sank, Thick foggy, heard whales, 9 ships in
 sight & 4 of them a sailing

Lat by acc 61, 20 Long about 177, 00