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Light airs from N to E and fine clear weather. In the morning saw more seals. As soon as it was light saw plenty of whales with their heads out. Sea smooth. Plenty of kaylets and plenty of whale feeders. All that was looking to catch 2 or 3 whales was a breeze. At noon we got a whale & cut him in, 13 ships in sight to the S & E a whaling, we have now 15 whales.

Sunday Oct 2nd

Fresh breeze from East and fine clear weather. In the morning saw plenty of whales all around, 4 ships in sight all whaling and cutting. We caught 2 whales and cut them in. One was a small whale and one was a big whale. Plenty of birds; weather comfortable.

Monday Oct 3rd

Strong wind from N & E and rugged weather. Carrying reefed topsails. Saw the Eagle cut a whale. Spoke the Echo with 12 whales and saw her cut or catch another. Saw plenty of whales. All hands stowing off the fore hold and breaking out the fore hatch beliest decks to make more blubber room. Weather grows cold and looks like a blow.

Tuesday Oct 4th

Blowing a gale from N & E and cold weather with snow squalls. Curving close reefed main & fore topsails, on opposite tacks. Sailing a little on them until noon, when freezing on the ship. See plenty of birds and the Venard & Ohio; see no whales. Very cold. Lat by obs 70, 57 Long by Ch 146, 38

Wednesday Oct 5th Blows a very heavy gale

from N & E and a bad sea running. The sea washing over the ship and freezing. Carrying a close reefed main topsail and fore & fore topmast and Mizzen Staysails. Heaved to the East all night. In the morning saw the Venard to the lee ward. I went off to her and helped to heaving & S.E. Ships bows going under water. Filled up all fully. So we were ship and trimmed ship and rammed ship and shifted over blubber and then were ship at 4 P.M. and set the staysails and forged to the S Eastward ship making better weather. Run the chase cable below & broke away. Turned some of the boats over, hoping now to live through the gale. It is cold and sea comes foretable & all hands get wet thoroughly. Venard gone out of sight. I am bound South. Lat about 70, 20 Long about 148, 00

Thursday Oct 6th

Blows a very heavy gale from N & E and a sharp bad breaking sea very cold and freezing. Ship's rigging loaded with ice. Ship with her lee rain under water part of the time. Sailing over the ship and wetting the men and freezing. Most the time. In the morning steered S.E. and steered to most of the day under staysails & close reefed main topsails. Set plenty of birds. At 5 P.M. too & heaved down the fore & fore topmast staysails. Lat by obs 69, 40 Long by Ch 149, 00

Friday Oct 7th

Strong gale from N & E and a big sea. Weather clear but cloudy most the time. At 6 in the morning steered S.E. and set close reefed fore & Mizzen topsails and sails. Some light streaks to the N & E & East all day. It is the corner of the snow on the land.