Barque Fortune of New Bedford Capt Cathaway

Remarks on Friday May 23rd

These 24 hours fresh breezes from SW and thick weather middle part broke the light sails latter set the 3d & 4th sail Hy file Topmast & low studding saw one right Whale going quick to windward

Latt by act 50:24 Long by act 171:17 East

Remarks on Saturday May 24th

First and middle part light wind from South and thick rainy weather Stve W at 1 PM set Topmast & Low studding sails at 4 AM wind shifted to westward braced up the yards and broke studding sails latter light airs Bowline sick, Latt by Obs 53:24 N

Long by act 170:10 East

Remarks on Sunday May 25th

Comes with moderate breezes from Westward and fine weather Stve S by W with all sail set at 4 PM wind canted to W and died away 8 PM got a breze from SW kept off our course Day light set studding sail wind canted to South So Ends saw number of Fin Backs & Humpbacks Latt 54:53 N

Long by act 170:14 East

Remarks on Monday May 26th

These 24 hours light breezes from South and fine weather Stve N by W latter sent down fore top gallant yard and sail, Bowline no better So Ends Latt by act 55:00 Long by act 170:5 East

Remarks on Tueday May 27th

First part light winds from East and thick weather Stve North sent down fore top gallant mast Midnight wind shifted to the W we Ship to Eastward latter light airs from Westward and fine & clear 11 AM raised a Polar Whale lower three Boats for him So Ends Latt 54:13 N

Long 170:00 East

Remarks on Wednesday May 28th

These 24 hours light breezes from Westward and fine pleasant weather Boats off after a Whale Waist Boat struck a bow Head got up set and lost the whale, then came aboard at 5 PM gamed with Catharine of New London Capt Hull at 3 AM call Hands and lower the Boats for more Whales chased untill 5 then came aboard at 6 lower again for more the Waist Boat succeeded in striking partly his line so lost the Whale and came aboard at 10 lower again and chased Whales going very quick to windward and very wild the hole Ocean was alive with them saw the Land bearing North two Ships in sight Cutting

Latt by Obs 58:27 Long by Chro 169:56 East

Remarks on Thursday May 29th

First and middle part light airs and calms with pleasant weather Boats off chasing whales at 5 PM gave up the chase and came aboard Whales very wild at Sundown two Ships in sight bowling and the Land in sight latter smart breze from Eastward thick weather So Ends no Whales

Latt by Obs 59:2 Long by act 170:6 East

Cruising for Whales A D 1851

Remarks on Friday May 30th

These 24 hours strong gales from East to NE thick cloudy weather with a snow squall occasionly to brighten up our ideas at 3 PM spoke the George & Susan of New Bedford she have taken four Whales this season we stve Hy W at 7 PM tookin all sail and hove to on the tack saw several Whales middle and latter lying to under short sail saw plenty of Whales So Ends two Ships in sight at 7 AM wore Ship Latt by Obs 58 40

Long by act 170:15

Remarks on Saturday May 31st

First part strong gales from E & NE and thick weather and snow squalls latter it moderated and made all sail stve variousways saw number of Whales lower the Boats twice for but to no affect Whales very shy So Ends one Ship in sight no observation

Remarks on Sunday ~~May~~ June 1st

First part moderate breezes from NE and cloudy hazy weather and shy Whales at 3 PM lower the Boats at 6 PM came aboard without any success Catharine of New London in sight Middle and latter thick fog stood to Northward through the Night at 7 tacked Ship to Eastward So Ends Bowline got on Deck to work no obs

Remarks on Monday June 2nd

First part light airs from Eastward and foggy weather Stve North at 4 PM it cleared off some saw some Whales waist Boat lower for them but did get any 10 PM came aboard we saw Ship pass to leward of us bidding Middle and latter part calms and thick foggy weather got out water 8 Bbls

So Ends no obs

Remarks on Tuesday June 3d

These 24 hours calms and thick fog nothing in sight made cover for Fryworks So Ends no observation

Remarks on Wednesday June 4th

Comes with light breezes from North and hazy weather Stve to Eastward at 3 PM tacked Ship at 9 PM wind shifted to westward we stood North Midnight it came in foggy we lapped to wind with main yard aback and lay until Daylight then kept off our course it cleared up we saw Cape Obolotsky bearing N by W dist 36 miles So Ends Stve in for it at 11 AM saw a large body of Field Ice to leward of Cape at noon lapped Stve with main yard aback about two Cables length off Latt by Obs 59:50 Long by Obs 170:43 East

Remarks on Thursday June 5

First part smart breezes from W & SW and clear weather Cape Obolotsky bearing W & W dist 6 miles at 1 PM lower away Lh & Waist Boats and pulled into the Ice sailed along it until 5 then came aboard saw one Humpback and one Sperm off latter calms Capt & Third Mate Started for shore So Ends

Latt 60:22 Long 171:25