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Remarks on board of Ship *Majestic* Thursday May 13th

Fresh breezes from the Southward working around the ice under topsails several sails in sight in the ice to the S.E. which appeared to be whaling. At 4 Pm took sail heading S.W. by S under last reef for and mizen and double reef main topsails all of the middle and latter part thick fog on the wind on both tacks the wind light from the Southward.

Lat 59.58 Long 174.28

Remarks Friday May 14th

Came in with light breezes from the Southward and thick fog on the wind under 3.2 reef topsails and jib on both tacks saw watering ice some very heavy. At 10 Pm ran into the ice on the Starboard tack wore ship heading out of it started the cooper and some of the sheathing in the Starboard mast the latter part the wind moderate and foggy clearing N.N.E.

Remarks Saturday May 15th

Light breezes from the Southward and foggy steering N.N.E. under double reef fore and mizen topsails and main topgallant sail set at 12 past 2 Pm saw thick ice lifted by the wind took in the topgallant sail and double reef the main topsail on the wind on both tacks. At 2 Pm the wind hauled to the Westward. At 5 Pm fell in with scattering ice steering N.N.E. At 10 Pm saw a bow-head toward the 4 boats but without success.

Lat 60 1/2 Long 175 45

Remarks on board of Ship *Majestic* Sunday May 16th

Time keeps from the Westward and pleasant weather in and around the ice under double reef topsails. At 2 Pm the boat came aboard at 4 Pm gained with the Log Head of New Bedford Capt. Loring the middle part the wind moderate gradually veering to the N.E. by N. lying too close to the ice at 12 Pm broke out water at 8 Pm gaming with the Log Head at 11 Pm saw two californian greys bound in to the ice several sails in sight to the S.E. Lat 60.00

Remarks Monday May 17th

Fresh breezes from the N.W. under double reef topsails working around the ice the ice going to the S.E. on each side of us very fast gathering with the Log Head. At 5 Pm saw one of the Ships to the leeward lower their boats we leeward and pulled down that way got there but saw nothing our 3rd mate spoke their boats and they said they were chasing bow heads set the colours at the Ship started to go aboard saw whales blowing between the Ship and the boats lay around a spell but saw no more of it went aboard Capt. Loring said he was chasing bow heads the middle part lying too in the ice.

At 6 Pm saw boats down from the Sea Ships saw a spout at the same time at 8 Pm leeward the Starboard boats and found that the Addison of New Bedford had got a bow head employed in filling salt water in the main hatch the wind light from the Southward.

Lat 60.49