

Russell had a run on the ice, and our men went a long way on the ice to catch seal
 Lat 54, 35 Long by Rec 149, 45

Tuesday May 3^d

Light wind from N.W. and fine weather, heading S.W., sails closed up and the ice closed in around us, and no clear water in sight. Ship Empire close by, Capt Russell came on board of us and some of his crew and spent the day, put 2 boat anchors in to a cake of ice and hauled the ship close to it, then put the work bench and tools on the ice and sheathed the starboard bands over, no swell on

Wednesday May 4th

Light wind from N.W. and fine weather, ship fast in the ice, the ice breaking some, hailed some sheathing on the starboard side of the ship, in the afternoon the ice thawed and slackened up some, ships worked along some to the S.E., I spent the afternoon on board the Empire

Lat 54, 12 Long Eby Ch 15, 5

Thursday May 5th

Fresh breeze from S.E. and cloudy, in the morning set all sail during the forenoon we worked to the S.W. a little way then the ice closed us up, Capt Russell & second officer came on board and spent the afternoon at 4 P.M. fast in the ice, kept the sails for the night Empire close by

Lat 54, 17

Friday May 6th

First part of the day allowed strong from S. to S.E. and a thick snow storm ship fast in the ice with close reefed top sails I anchored to the ice, the Empire anchored to the same cake of ice and crevices from ship to ship, the snow getting soft on the ice latter part of the day wind light with sleet, sailed to the S. but broken ice to the South, I spent the afternoon on board the Empire

Saturday May 7th

Fresh wind from W by N and thawing some, had a light swell from South last night, it broke the ice up some in this morning set all sail and worked to the S.E. through quite thin ice and some clear water, latter part of the day came to thick ice with a gale deal of snow with it, at 6 P.M. kept the topsail for the night, Empire close by, the ice struck the rudder and it threw the Negro man down at the wheel, the spotter struck his head and broke 2 spokes off, did nothing more than raise a light swelling on the Negro man's head

Lat 56, 43 Long Eby Ch 15, 40

Sunday May 8th

Commenced with light wind from E.S.E. and warm southerly weather, the ice opened and thawed fast, in the morning set all sail and then steered to the S.W., made good headway through the ice, 2 of my men got on to thin ice to catch a seal and they had some trouble to get on board again, at 1 P.M. Capt Russell came on board on the ice and spent the afternoon, this afternoon the wind hauled to E.S.E. and we had a gale with a thick smothering snow storm