

Saturday May 14th

First and Middle part of the Day
blawed a heavy gale from S.W. and Clear weather,
Heading S.W. Corring Close reefed topsails till
9 o'clock. Then took in the topsails and were Ship in
a small strip of water, heading S.W. At 10 the
Empire came in one of drifting on to us, She towered
away her boats and got them stove, we got the
tilts and got out of her way, I went onboard the
Empire on the ice and spent the Day, at night he
burned in a boat in the ship's wake, our Carpenter
went onboard the Empire to repair the boats.
At 7 P.M. all most calm

Lat 8 by 53, 15 Long by 149, 30

Sunday May 15th

Light breeze from S.E. and Cloudy weather,
All sail set, worked a few miles to the S.W.
Ice quite thin but close to weather, Capt Russell came
onboard in his boat and spent the Day, at night he returned
to his ship on the ice, Ships closed up, Mr Whitney
fell in returning to the Montezuma, we have to
much head wind to get to the S.W.

Lat 8 by 53, 9

Monday May 16th

Light airs from S.E. and pleasant weather,
Trying to work through the ice to the S.W. but we don't
make much headway, for the ice has been some close
to weather, At 5 P.M. the ice opened but no wind to blow us
along, came in foggy, Ship Empire close by, No clear
water in sight.

Lat 8 by 55, 16 Long E by 149, 20

Tuesday May 17th

Commences with light wind
from S.E. and good weather, and ice opening, worked to
the S.W., hoping to find thin ice and clear water
to the W. of us, All sail set, latter part of the Day
breeze up fresh, worked through heavy ice, At 4 P.M.
the ice closed up, we fast, Close reefed the topsails, the
wind abated on strong with a thick snow storm,
Empire close by, I went onboard of her a while, the ice
is rather soft on top to travel on, we find large
cakes of thin ice that's not broken up yet, we
had a light swell this morning but it soon went
down

Lat about 55, 20 Long about 149, 10

Wednesday May 18th

Light wind from W. and Cloudy but
fine thawing weather, Large cakes of ice and close to
weather, got the ship close to the Empire with a
large cake of ice betwixt us, then anchored on one
side of the cake and the Empire anchored on the other
side, closed up the sails and furled them, No clear
water in sight, Saw plenty of wild geese flying
to the S.E. Close down to the ice, Capt Russell came
onboard and spent the Day, in fact our crew
went from ship to ship on the ice, Mr Carpenter
returned

Thursday May 19th

Light airs from W. and on a warm
thawing day and hazy, Lying to a cake of ice
with our sails furled, Sent down our broken
main yard and sent a new one aloft, I spent the
Day onboard the Empire, Saw plenty of wild geese, At
6 P.M. took a light breeze from S.E., Set all sail
took in our anchors and tried to work to the W. Hop-
ing to find more clear water by working W.,

Lat 8 by 55, 18