

Friday May 11th

Strong gale from S.E. by E
and a thick rain storm and freezing. We were led
3 or 4 mile to the West last night. This morning
the ice closed us up fast, very heavy ice and we were
fast in the ice close by. Heading to the W with close
keeps topsails set

Saturday May 12th

Strong wind from S and fine
weather, lying close up in the ice with the fore
topsail set. Close keeps, At 8 P.M. the ice opened, set
the main topsail close kept and wore ship to the N.E.
for the Empire, she is 3 mile to the East of us. Wind
hauling to S.E. and blowing on, I find a regular tide
that closes and opens the ice

Lat 4 by 55, 42 Long E by Ch 148, 15

Sunday May 13th

Commence with fresh wind from S.E.
and fine weather. In the morning set all sail on
the foremast and steered to the W in the ice. At
10 A.M. saw a ship 10 mile to the S.E. and looked up
there was clear water there. So I and the Empire
hauling up to the S.E. and set all sail. At 4 P.M.
we got in to the pond of clear water and spoke the
ship Brutus Capt Henry. Clean, right from the
Heede ground. She come from the East and was going
to the West for Jones Island. Reports clear water to
the East. Reports plenty of ships to the East and
seen a whale on the Heede ground and 6 taken by ships

Lat 4 by 56, 5 Long E by Ch 148, 35

Monday May 13th

Fresh wind from S to S.E. and
and some fog. In the morning we steered off to
the N.W. through thin ice and large strips of water.
At 10 A.M. we saw the Brutus coming from S.E. in
clear water. She got ahead of us. At 8 P.M. we
caught up to her. We have overhauled some ways
to the S.W. and mostly clear water. This clear water
to the North counts for being current to the S.
This last few days, we have had so much North
erly wind this season the ice has broken off from
the North and Heede ground ice. At 8 P.M. Brutus, Empire
and Monte all in one field of ice working to the N.W.
for clear water. We knocked off or some of our comp
osition off the stem, thumped the ship hard with
the ice

Lat 4 by 56, 16

Tuesday May 14th

Light wind from N.E. by W and fine
weather. This morning we got in to a clear
spot of water and laid all day. Brutus and
Empire in company. I spent part of the day
onboard the Empire and part of the day onboard
the Brutus. At 4 P.M. took a swell from S.
ice scattering fast

Lat 4 by 56, 32

Wednesday May 15th

Light wind from N.E. by W and a thick
foggy all day. Carrying all sail, heading N.W. work
ing through fields of ice and fields of clear water to
the N.E. by N. Heard the Empire fire guns to the wind
ward of us and blow her horn. At 1 P.M. heard her the
last time on our starboard bow heading N.W. Last
we saw the Brutus at 4 P.M. to the S.E. of us close by
I am glad we shall see the Empire again

Lat about 57, 00