

Thursday
May 16th

Calm till 4 PM then took a light breeze from S. All sail set. Came out a body of ice and working to the N through thin ice and clear water, thick fog all day and warm and ice thawing fast. Saw nothing of the Empire. I think we shall see the Empire again. Saw the brutes this morning in the ice one mile to the S of us. It getting late and we shall have much time around Jonas Island whaling before its time to go in the bay. Carpenter making a patent cutting stage.

Friday May 17th

Fresh breeze from S.W. and a thick fog till 2 PM then cleared off. Carrying all sail working to the S.W. through some ice and a great deal of fresh water. At 2 PM saw the brutes to the East of us 10 miles, and saw the Empire to the S 10 miles. Run off for her at 5 PM got within 3 miles of her and left to and kept the topsails and headed to the S for the ice is very thick and heavy to the S.W. Empire working out of the thick ice to the S. Saw some codfish however. 2 boats and picked up one ball then we drifted in to the ice and picked up 4 balls in the ice. I want to work to the South to get out of this heavy ice. The brutes were around and headed out of the ice to the South.

18th

Saturday May 18th

Light wind from W and foggy till 4 PM then cleared off. Saw the Empire 4 miles to the S of us. We heading S all day with all sail set, but can't get along. Reached ice as far as I can see and all of a while glared to the S.W.

Sunday May 19th

Fresh wind from N.E.W. and foggy till 10 AM then cleared off fine weather. The Empire fired gun and set colors for me to come on board there. Mr Whitney went there. The Empire got close to us at 4 PM. Capt Russell came on board of us a while. Saw a Finback in the ice. The Empire caught lots of fish to day. No clear water in sight.

Lat 61° 56', 59' Long 61° 35'

Monday May 20th

Fresh wind from N.E.W. and thick fog. In heavy heavy ice. In the morning set all sail and tried to make some headway but could not. So we shortened sail. I jumped on to the ice and went on board the Empire and spent the day on Mr Doelson. Came on board the Empire Montezuma. At night the ships too far apart to get on board so I staid all night on board the Empire.

Tuesday May 21st

Took a light breeze from E and some foggy. Set all sail and worked to the S.W. and came to Cattering ice at 12 M but had thick ice in the forenoon, we are getting along to the S.W. in mostly clear water. At 1 PM came on board Empire sent aloft her main royal mast & royal yard and set the sail. Saw several seals.

Wednesday May 22nd

Strong wind from N.E.W. and some foggy and scattering ice. In the morning we stood to the S. Saw and gamed with Barque Carmelia. Capt Rintice 12 months out. 800 lbs sperm and 400 whale. Came in to the sea the 10th of May and followed the ice from Lat 53° to here. Let her part of the day stood to the S.W. Carrying reefed topsails. Lat 61° 56', 58' Long 155° 00'