

Montezuma in the Ochotsk Sea

Cooper making Slide boards for the bow boat, repaired the rib & bent it

Lat $52^{\circ} 52'$, Long $130^{\circ} 35'$

Wednesday April 15th

Commenced with a calm. At 3 P.M. took a breeze from N.E.W. Steered N.W. by E. All sail set, At 4 P.M. reefed the topsails, At 5³⁰ P.M. Hoveback, heading to the S. At 4 A.M. Steered N.W. At 6 Set all sail, good weather excepting some snow squalls. At 8 A.M. came to fields of small ice & grew thicker as we worked to the N.W. Saw plenty of sharp bell ducks settling on the water

Lat $53^{\circ} 30'$, Long $130^{\circ} 00'$

Thursday April 16th

Fresh breeze from N.E.W. and clear fine weather. The first part of the day heading in to the N.W. in the ice. Carrying all sail. At 4 P.M. took a ship and put the ship under a double reefed main topsail & staysail & later on drift to the S.E. through the night. Broke out water. At 11 A.M. saw a barque to the N.W. of us, set all sail to worked up to her, coiled some ^{new} lines & freed the old ones, large ships of ice around to the N.W. west of us

Lat $53^{\circ} 53'$, Long $130^{\circ} 39'$

Friday April 17th

First part of the day fresh breeze from S.W. and fine weather, Beating to the W. in clear water around the ice, some fields of large ice, At 4 P.M. shortened sail. At 5 spoke barque Florence Capt Spencer, Capt Spencer came on board and spent the evening, laid aback through the night, latter part of the day blowed up strong from E. with a thick snow storm, carrying reefed topsails upon opposite tacks laying aback most of the time, I spent the fore noon on board the Florence, fields of ice around

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Saturday April 18th

Commenced with a gale from East and a thick snow storm heading to the N.E. At 1 P.M. wore ship heading heading S.E. Wind hauling to the S.E. Shortened sail to close reefed main topsail and staysail, stood out to the S.E. through some fields of ice and a big sea from S.E. At 8 P.M. got to the East of the ice took in the main topsail & staysail. Heading E by N, ^{by} S. Latter part of the day strong wind from N.W. by W. in the morning set double reefed topsails and stood to the N.W. At 10 latched heading S.W. by W. keel in sight to the W. 2 sail in sight to the W. one of them is the Florence and the other ship steering off to the N.E. Clear cold weather

Lat $51^{\circ} 51'$, Long $130^{\circ} 56'$

Sunday April 19th

First part of the day fresh breeze from N.W. and fine cold weather, Beating to the N.W. Carrying all sail, At sundown shortened sail, latter part of the day fresh wind from N. and clear cold weather, in the morning set all sail & beat to the ^{North} West, through the ice, 13 N. Florence in sight to the N.W. of us. Plenty of ice to the N.W. of us

Lat $53^{\circ} 05'$, Long $130^{\circ} 40'$

Monday April 30th

Fresh wind from N.W. & W.N.W. Fine clear weather, First part of the day run off to the barque Florence, Capt Spencer & Captain Rice came on board and spent the after noon with me, laid aback while yaming, saw a ship to the N.W. off us, carried close reefed topsails through the night, At 5 in the morning set all sail & beat to the N.W. through strips of water and fields of ice, A clipper ship to the windward of us beating to the N.W. large fields of ice but thin, saw 3 seal & some ducks.

Lat $52^{\circ} 55'$, Long about $130^{\circ} 10'$