

In the Echotsk Sea

Tuesday May 1st 1860

This Day fresh breeze from N.W. & W.N.W., Carrying all sail through the Day beating to the N.W. through strips of water & fields of ice, A Clipper Ship in Company, Saw plenty of Ducks, setting on the water, right we closed reefed the topsails & let the ship lie in a clear spot of water, Saw 2 Seal, the ice growing thicker as we go to the N.W.

Lat 54° 03' N Long 149° 50' W

Wednesday May 2nd

First part of the Day fresh breeze from W.S.W. & fine weather, Carrying all sail, working to the N.W. through strips of water & fields of ice, A Clipper Ship in sight about 8 mile ahead of us, went in to the N.W. At Dark I closed reefed the topsails and carried them through the night also the Lb. & Sp. when, Latter part of the Day light airs from S.E. & fine warm weather, steering to the N.W. through thin ice & some clear water, ice thawing fast, All sail set, Unbent the fore topsail & bent an older one, Secured the Cap. prop. down to its place, Saw the ship to the N.W. of us along waisoff, Saw a gam of black grampaises & one white grampaise, 3 Men off Duty with sore feet.

Lat 53° 10' N Long 149° 26' W

Thursday May 3rd

Commenced with light wind from S.E. & breezeing up, weather fine & warm, Unbent the Main topsail & bent another, Steered to the W.N.W. through strips of water & fields of thin ice, Lost sight of the ship that was in sight at 10 to the N.W. of us, At 12 o'clock down blowed a gale from S.E., Shortened sail to a close reefed fore topsail & fore & fore topmast stay sail & worked to the W.N.W. till 12 at night then hove to under staysails heading N.E. Latter part of the Day blowed a heavy gale from S.E. & a thick snow storm, At 8 in the morning Steered off to the

W.N.W. Under fore topmast & fore staysails, Run through strips of water & large fields of ice but not heavy ice, ice growing thicker & heavier as we work to the N.W., Saw several Seal on the ice.

Lat 54° 03' N Long 150° 03' W

Friday May 4th

First part of the day the S.E. gale moderated down & hauled to S.W. at night, Lat 54° 03' N Long 150° 03' W Clear water in sight. at sundown the swell rose and got the ice in motion & it thumped the ship heavily, Latter part of the night Steered to the S.E. through the ice, In the morning we got in to a pond of water the swell running very high & using the ice up fast, Latter part of the Day light wind from S.E. & some foggy, Standing upon opposite locks in the pond to keep out of the water, 2 Men off Duty with sore feet, Mr. Thomas the Mate's hands are very sore with chill blanes, So ends this Day Carrying whole topsails.

Lat 53° 45' N Long 148° 40' W

Saturday May 5th

First part of this day we had light wind from S.E. & E & some foggy. Carrying whole top sails to keep in a pond of water, the old swell melting & grinding the ice up fast, Carried reefed topsails through the night & the latter part of the night the wind hauled to the N. & to W.N.W. and blowed up fresh, Latter part of this day strong wind from W.N.W. & cloudy, Carrying whole topsails & worked in to the N. a little along the ice, then laid aback, All clear water to the East of us.

Lat 54° 00' N Long 149° 16' W