

Montezuma In the Chotsk Sea

Sunday May 6th

This day strong wind from W. & W. and fine clear weather, first part of the day carrying double reefed topsails in a pond of water, part the time laying aback & drifting off with the fields of ice to the S.E. Latter part of the day carrying all beating to the West & South through scattering ice, this westerly wind is blowing the ice out in strips, Jim Kanaka off Duty Dick with the barometer & some other, 11.15

Lat 53° 40' Long 148° 30'

Monday May 7th

First part of the day light wind from W. & W. & good weather, heading to the S.W. through scattering ice. At 8 P.M. shortened sail for the night, calm through the night. Latter part of the day light wind from W. and some snow squalls, 11.15 At 11 P.M. set all sail & beat to the S.W. through scattering ice, saw plenty of ducks getting on the water, the ice is larger than any we have seen before, saw a boat and shot a seal & got him, Mr. Hornes' hands are very sore with chilblains,

Lat 53° 20' Long 148° 40'

Tuesday May 8th

First part of the day light wind from W. and fine weather, heading to the S.W. through scattering ice & some pretty heavy ice, At 9 P.M. got in to a clear spot of water, kept the topsails & laid for the night, Latter part of the day had a fresh breeze from S.W. and clear fine weather, At 4 P.M. set all sail heading in W. & W. & S.W. through a grate deal of clear water, At 9 P.M. hove aback for a ship in sight to the S.E. of us, At 11 P.M. spoke ship general Williams of St. London Capt. Fish, I went on board the general Williams, she got 900 lbs of seal fish oil on the California coast, & has 2600 lbs of seal in all reports all the ships doing well on the coast of California.

Lat 53° 27' Long about 148° 00'

Wednesday May 9th

These 14 hours had a fresh breeze from S.W. to W. & W. & fine weather, ~~the~~ steering to the W. & W. & S.W. through scattering ice, more ice than water, carrying whole topsails through the day & reefed topsails through the night, General Williams in company, I spent the first part of the day on board of her, ice quite heavy, the seal had pups & all

Lat 54° 02' Long 147° 32'

Thursday May 10th

First part of the day fresh wind from W. by S., heading to the S.W. carrying whole topsails, clearing through scattering ice, At 4 P.M. got in to a pond of water, so we shortened sail for the night & stopped in the pond of water, General Williams in company. At 5 I went on board of her, a short time latter part of the day took a fresh breeze from S.W. & fine weather, At 8 P.M. set whole topsails steered to the W. & W. through scattering ice, some ice very heavy but a good deal of clear water, the ship thrumped some ice heavy, saw some seal

Lat 54° 10' Long 147° 00'

Friday May 11th

The day time had a fresh breeze from W. & W. and fair weather, carrying whole topsails, heading S.W. through scattering ice & fields of ice, ice thick & heavy, made a S.W. course, through the night had the wind from W. & W. heading to the S.W. & laying aback under close reefed topsails, saw grampises & seals

Lat 54° 27' Long 146° 52'

Saturday May 12th

First part of the day had a strong wind from W. & W. working through the ice to the S.W. carrying whole topsails. At 4 P.M. kept the topsails for the night, Capt. Fish came on board of us & took supper with me At 8 the wind hauled to the S. more ship, heading to the