

Ship Omega in Bering Sea Steering towards

JUNE.

Monday the 10th

Barometer
17.06

First part of this 24 hours blowing strong from the East with rain we under a close reef Main top Sail and Spencers. Heading S. by E. at 6 P.M. Sounded in 35 fathoms black mud Middle part moderating at 6 A.M. Made Sail Steaming S. by E. heading S. by E. by the gentle breeze and thick foggy rain weather dark getting scarce as we go. No fish of any kind in sight all looks barren and cold wind East S. by E. and a remarkable smooth sea little or no ground swell

Lat 51.46
Long 171.30

Tuesday the 11th

First part of this 24 hours moderate breeze from the East S. by E. all sail out Steaming S. by E. heading S. by E. at 7 P.M. light baffling wind Middle part calm at daylight gentle breeze from S. by E. all sail out Steaming by heading S. by E. a clear air an uncommon smooth sea Sounded in 25 fathoms employed setting up. S. by E. and various other Sails such as taking advantage of a good day out a fish of any kind in sight all looks barren and fruitless however however ship still crew are tired in the day sea.

Lat 62.16
Long 170.30

Wednesday the 12th

First part of this 24 hours light air from S. by E. all sail out no swell not even a ripple on the water at 2 P.M. saw land bearing S. by E. 15th Lawrence or Clarke Island Steering towards it not a cloud in the Heavens to be seen a few Birds in sight what we call Sheeps and Sea Gulls Middle part light air wind S. by E. at daylight saw the land 50 miles off. Latter part hazy and foggy at noon saw the land again So ends

Lat 62.41
Long 170.46

Bering Straits Frozen Ocean. A.D. 1849.

Thursday the 13th

First part of this 24 hours light air and features of the land in sight lowered a boat and tried the Current found it setting East by South 1 1/2 knots per hour saw various lights prospect Middle part calm at daylight thick fog a bit breeze wind inclining to the East hauled up the Courses and lay aback cannot see far at 10 A.M. saw a considerable drift. See supposed it came from this Island. Clarke at noon a thick fog saw ship heading to the South East. So ends

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170

South part of Gales Island Friday the 14th

First part of this 24 hours a bit breeze from the East and a thick fog at 2 P.M. lifted up. Saw the land bearing S. by E. the South part of Clark Island was ship and stood in shore at 4 P.M. the Capt went on shore found a number of houses but no inhabitants saw foot tracks in the snow also saw about 1000 of wheat growing found a great quantity of seaweed much resembling American pine took a boat load of wood for fire fuel. wind light and a smooth sea heading East off shore Middle part light air at daylight gentle breeze heading East S. by E. the part of the land So ends

62.41
169.50

Saturday the 15th

First part gentle breeze from the East and East all sail out heading around this Island at 4 P.M. tacked in shore at 5 P.M. saw a smoke in different places at 6 tacked off shore Sounded in 17 fathoms a clear air and smooth sea Middle part light air at daylight off the East part of Clarke Island heading East and at 15 miles a gentle breeze a fine clear air not a cloud in the Heavens a smooth sea not a fish of any kind in sight saw a seal on the water apparently asleep lowered a boat but it being so still could not strike him at noon Clarke Island bearing about S. by E. 30 miles just in sight off deck

62.55
169.28