

Ship Comg in pursuit of Oil in the

JUNE.

Saturday the 23

Commenced with a brisk breeze from S East with a cold cutting air at 3 P.M. took in all sail but a double reef Main top. Sailed Sounded in 30 fathoms Middle part the same at 8 A.M. a brisk breeze from the South let go the Small Anchor in 23 fathoms with 50 fathoms Deep riding by the Mainmast latter part much the same cannot see over 5 miles a strong S East Current Saw a great number of the Sea-horse. So Ends this is the coldest day we have had yet

Sunday the 24

First part a black wind from the South and East laying at 4 miles in the Frozen Ocean in 18 fathoms water at 6 P.M. Saw a night whale bound Eastward did not lower weather bad cannot see far Middle part Ship lay more easy although a short party Small yet in Motion at 8 A.M. took in all sail and Stood to the Eastward under a double reef for Main top. Sail and Libb at noon wind and Sea increasing thick heavy weather was Ship to Star Saw several bright whales of the Scragg kind weather not suitable to lower a boat thick weather or else

Monday the 25

Commenced with a fresh gale from the South and East we heading to the S West under 3 double reef top. Sail Libb for Spencer at 3 P.M. picking up close reefed the fore top. Sail and reefed the jib at 7 P.M. Saw a large field of Ice off the weather Saw dist 3 miles was Ship to the Eastward in hopes of getting clear of it at midnight were Ship to the S West at 5 P.M. were again to the East let the fore and Main Course thick heavy weather Saw a number of bright whales at 10 A.M. a hull lowered for night whales could not get fast came on board so Ends cold black and dreary weather plenty of whales but rugged as the devil

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Tuesday the 26

First part of this 24 hours a strong black wind from the South under double reef top. Sailed at 1 P.M. lowered 4 boats struck one & kind so rough could not haul on to him after removing 3/4 way cut with the loss of 8 Cans 15 fathoms line taken in at 6 P.M. came on board and stood to the S West Middle part inclining to moderate Saw a number of whales all bound Eastward latter part still moderating heading S West Saw no whales all appearance of good weather the Sun is in sight the first time this week so Ends at noon were Ship to the East

Left
Long
6° 37' Lat
116° 55' West

Wednesday the 27

First part of this 24 hours gentle breeze from the South East heading to the S East under easy sail nothing in sight the Sea begins to be smooth at 4 P.M. Saw a whale to Starward or several lowered 4 boats that could not strike appear to be very shy indeed at 6 P.M. came on board Saw the Land hearing better Ends dist 40 miles at 8 P.M. lowered 4 boats chased until 10 could not get fast came on board Middle part calm at 7 P.M. lowered 4 boats again could not get fast thick calm Saw also 2 Ships standing to the S East Saw one exactly

Thursday the 28

First part of this 24 hours calm calm & ships in sight and plenty of whales boats off in pursuit got nigh enough to one to pick him and that all shy as the devil fired the big gun several times in hopes they would stop but all in vain plenty of whales but cannot strike Middle part gentle breeze from the S West heading to the S East at 1 P.M. & 4 M. Saw night whales lowered 4 boats chased until 5 A.M. and could not strike it came on suddenly a thick fog was obliged to give it up and made for the Ship came on board took up the boats and double reefed the top sails and lay black latter part a thick fog cannot see twice the length of the Ship can hear whales spouting occasionally