that Nearly the Aleutian Islands are the
Nearest that I can recollect from on the Chart &
they are 90 to West from 26th April to 7th May fresh & light
Winds prevailed from N E round to South & West
Clear fine weather then in Lat 3 Long 172.10 E
May 22d Saw & past Near Caper Island in Lat 54 and
Long 168 E it was Covered with Snow the prevailing winds fr
Lat 30 was from E to South ~~the Strong & fresh Gales~~ &
with abundance of Rain & thick fogs from East
37° to 40° Long 172 to 170 E the great numbers of Mat the Sailors
Call the Portuguese Man of War the Water was Entirely Covered
with them in pieces & patches & between the Gulfs I never saw
Seen the like before in all my Voyages there were very small
these as you are aware are passed at least Cause & Smarting
pain when they come in Contact with the tender Skin of
the arms or legs Especially if any Birds was Gun during the
passage towards these little Warmer Craft Weather Whale
or fish of any kinde was Seen this Spot appeard to me
to the Ocean like Some that we meet with on the Land
Covered with Noxious Plants & Vines in her Nothing grows
that is useful or pleasing to Man the Ocean will Certainly
bear a Comparison to the Earth respecting its fertility &
Barrenness there is parts of the Ocean that is better stocked
of living Creatures of Diff forms & size & ~~[illegible]~~
Shoals & a variety of Shoals of Curious little fishes the
albacore Shark gack & dalfin are very plenty in General
on the Sperm Whale grounds & perhaps there must be
an immense quantity of microscopic Substance & small
fishes to feede so many large fish & whales on Still the
greater part of the Ocean I believe are almost iff
that Lady Barren much greater in proportion of
the Dry Land of the Earth I have Sailed over thousands
of Miles & not a Whale or fish to be Seen I Seldom
a bird & no living thing visible to the Eye in the
water the Squid ~~that the~~ Sperm Whale Chiefly live on
are seldom Ever Seen alive of Much Size they Generally
live ~~[illegible]~~ far down below the Surface & what ~~the~~
principle food they primarily subsist on will be difficult to
to decide positively I have already taken up to much Space
During my passage & will now proceede ~~[illegible]~~
past Caper Island My passage as I have already stated was
much longer than I expected I was in hopes to have
Sailed by the first of May & round up the Month in
Angling along of & on the Coast from Berings Island
to Cape Shadrick & reach ~~that Spot~~ by the first of June iff
I did not finde Whales Short of it which I had great fait
to believe that I should Sate as it was I was bound North
to Cape Olutorsky Spake a Ship the Day that I past Caper
island the Capt informed my that light Contrary winds prevail
the Season before which made it difficult to
~~along that Coast~~ the Season before I abandoned my Intended
route to Eastward & Consequently I altered my
Course for Cape Shadrick had I adhered to
my intended Course in all probability I should fell in
with a body of Sperm whales for days were in great numbers
& a number of Ships were Cutting & hailing 273 to North
of Berings Island at the time I ~~[illegible]~~ Statement
to show ~~that~~ great results by Deviating from
of Course ~~that~~ appeared after due Examination to be
the rule one & ~~that~~ my first opinion was Great respect
the Solar Whale ~~[illegible]~~ for his whereabouts
in May

& another thing that is the No dependence can be
placed in the wind from year to another in the
Same Month as they vary materially in point of
Compass & force as I abandoned my Intended route
I Shaped an my Course for Cape Shadrick with as much
Speede as possible though Snow rain & fogg to reach
Cape Shadrick as soon as possible was now my aime
for there on the first Day of June I felt Certain
of Seeing the Elephant according to report on the
28th Doing the high land of the Cape Shore in Sight far
off Mantled with Snow Bright I was 15 or 20
miles to E N E of the Cape the 28th Shore a naughty hour
was the Elephant & terrible to look on & imagine my
Surprise when I found him to be white in Stead
of Black his trunk Swep round the Cape & had a
Secure holde of the rocks on the West Shore his tusks
hooked fast on the Eastern N E part of the Cape
his Body Stretcht Entire across the Anadir Sea
his rump resting against the South Shore of
St Lawrences Island his tail swep over to the
Continent of America but I believe did not
have a very fast holde So you See that this formida
ble Monster Stretched himself Entire across the
Sea that Seperates Asia from America & the Stock
from for a considerable time against the Strong South
winds the N E Current & the Beatings of Ships against
his Sides Caused but a little Curved in his Back
he finally began to grow weaker by an increase of heat his
tail let go from the Shores of America & his Body Curved
in to the Anadir Sea So much that his rump & last
slipped by St Lawrences Island & his hole hind part
legs & tail swep into the Straits & his fore paws Blended
fast in the Bays of the Rocky Craps & there he seemed to
defy all power that might be brought in Contact
with him but he was Doomed to be Broke up & distroyed
for all Nature & the Elements were against him on all
sides he was wasting away both Body & limbs & day grown weaker
by long fasting at last ~~a Strong Storm~~ his final Distroyer
came in a Strong Gale of wind & Broke off his trunk Neck
fore leggs close to the Body his hinde leggs being entirely relap
Caused by the terrible pounding in his planks by the ~~[illegible]~~
Cape Chaplin & he was hearld on by the furious wind
& wave & current at In a Speede that it Seemed as the
Day owed him a Spite for obstructing their right
Planned Course & in 2 Days his Still ponderous but
much reduced Body was swep Entire through the Straits
Nothing But fragments of his limbs remaind & onward
the Ships Moored & Some of them Seemed lent an witnessing
the Entire distruction of the Monster that had retarded
their progress So long & Concealed in ~~the~~ his Embrace
many a Valuable prize but it took a long time for
his Back Bone to become Spungy & 2 Ships Came in Contact
with the Spirs of the Back Bone & So Hard were they
that large holes were Stove in the Ships Sides