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Reynallant yards & masts & rigged in the fly-
y jib boom - On the 9th we burnt our old fore-
mast a new one & covered the main hatch.
On the 12th in lat 40 long 72 saw whales we
chased away the boats & after working among
them 4 hours, with indefatigable diligence
they took themselves off & we were glad to go
along side the ship with one small whale
in the afternoon cut him in & began to boil
in the evening the wind sprang up & blew
a gale from the N accompanied with hail
& rain - at 12 o'clock put the fires out & got the
next boat in & put the remainder of the blubber
in casks - the next day we coopered what oil we had
in the boat and stored it down the wind, till
blowing a gale - On the 14th finished boiling
out the whale & several squalls of hail during
the time which obliged us to put the fires out
this whale produced 15 blbls of oil the same
it could run that we got the voyage
from the 14th to the 19th we had cold disagreeable
weather accompanied with frequent squalls
of hail & some the worst we had had the day,

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On the 20th we had a gale of wind from the
N & were sending under a close reef main top
sail & fore sail - at 8 P.M. bore too the wind in-
creasing & the night being extremely dark
from the 21st to the 24th had very cold weather with
heavy squalls of hail & snow on the evening of
the 24th had a severe squall which split our
jib so that we unhoist it & lent a new one

The remainder of July we had the wind blowing
a gale ahead & most of the time were bore
too - it being in the winter season the weather
was intensely cold & disagreeable - August
commenced with the wind still blowing a ga-
le ahead & continued so until the 5th when to
our great joy it shifted to the South so that
we were able to steer our course - On the 8th
in lat 57° & long 70 saw what we judged to be
land after standing towards it about 2 hours
we found it to be a mountain of ice
which rose in the form of a pyramid at least
half a mile above the surface of the water and
was the appearance of 3 miles in circumference