Barque Sea Breeze of New Bedford in the Arctic Ocean on a Whaling Cruise Mr. P. Gray Master,

Thursday the 2d of June 1870

at 4 PM Bar 30-30

Bilding

The first part of these 24 hours light airs from SW & with freezing fog. Broke the ship through the ice to the W'd & under all sail in company with a fleet of 20 ships all in sight at times from deck ice all around and most of it quite heavy, no clear water only at places in the ice; one ship building, all the men employed in hoisting out oil on board of the Cyrano the middle & latter part the same at 8 AM hove to and lowered down Dist about 35 miles

Lat by obs 61-50 N
Long by Chro 177-40 E

Friday the 3d of June 1870

(36 ships in sight)

at 4 PM Bar 30-35

ship chipping Bad last night by reason of the shutting and damage the planks considerable so one ship take a whale

The first part of these 24 hours light airs from south & clear ship under all sail Blocked sailing in the ice with a heavy fog smell a strong from south of which caused the ship to pitch and chafe shockingly as the ship sailing being blocked in heavy ice caused her to rise. The shifting from the sides of the ship & chafe the planks of the ship very bad, the ship would take at times and pitch up against some very heavy pieces of ice so hard that it would make every timber head shake the whole sometimes was afraid the ice would start some of the planks or make a hole strength the sides of the ship but once would force ahead and come in contact with new lots of ice to do the same work as we had all sail on the ship and wind being light of which caused her to force ahead at times and shift her places of chipping so 36 ships from mast head so we take a whole the fleet of New Bedford, the spindle & latter part light winds from SW & fog at 5 PM, ship canned from the ice and the ice opened in places so the ship came clear herself from the ice we then steered the ship through the ice to the W'd & under all sail with a heavy smell setting up from south at times ships heading stopped entirely jammed in the ice

Lat Bar 61-51 N
Long by Chro 178-13 E

Saturday the 4d of June 1870

at 4 PM Bar 30-30

spoke Ship Duke, Cummings

The first part of these 24 hours light airs from S & west steering ship through the ice to the W'd & under all sail with a thick fog most of the time at 2 PM, fog lifted so we 20 ships & Barques all within a five mile of no sight of them & spoke off at 4 P. Benjamin Cummings Duke close to hailed him and got his longitude by longitude being to the Eastward about 40 miles from Cape Hope making about 20 square miles the middle part the same, the latter part light airs from SW, & west, & clear ship had backed in the ice in company with 25 other ships at 10 A. more came over the ice from the ship Emporia of Edgartown for oil

we had for the last time after went back all night at 11 A.M. the by streams of the land was from W'd & W'd demi-west & north to W'd the nearest dist about 25 miles

Lat by obs 61-53 N
Long by Chro 178-05 E

Sunday the 5d of June 1870

land in sight

at 8 AM Bar 30-20

The first part of these 24 hours light airs from W SW, & clear steering ship through the ice to the W'd & under all sail with a fleet of 31 ships the ice being quite heavy of course it stops the ships headway entire at times and as we have got a hard rope out on the starting bill with a single block attached for the rope to run through to lead on deck for the men to haul the ships head on and the other to clear the ice as she gets jammed at times of which is quite often all the ships go working quite hard to get up to Cape Thad. The by streams of the land at 4 PM, was W'd & W'd demi-west to W'd the nearest dist about 25 miles the middle part light airs & calms ship lying still with her sails dried down most of the time in heavy ice in company with a number of other ships dried down the latter part light airs from west & clear steering ship through the ice to the W'd & under all sail.

Lat by obs 61-48 N
Long by Chro 178-35 E

Monday the 6d of June 1870

land in sight

Navarean

ice

ice

at 4 PM Bar 30-15

The first part of these 24 hours light pleasant winds from west & clear steering ship through the ice to the W'd & under all sail in company with a fleet of about 25 ships all of them blocked in the ice at times heavy ice all around at times the ship will pitch up against heavy pieces of ice and entire stop her headway it is a wonder the ship does not start to leaking I am afraid we shall start a bolt or stave a plank in as the ice has left the planks badly on the side of the ship at 4 PM, the by streams of the land was W'd & W'd & W'd demi-north to W'd the nearest dist about 25 miles Navarean Cape Hope W'd & W'd the middle & latter part the same Lat by obs 61-54 N Long 179-13 E

land in sight

ice ice

at 4 PM Bar 30-15

The first part of these 24 hours light airs from west & W SW ship under all sail steering her through the ice to the W'd & in company with a fleet of 34 sail of ships & Barks, ice quite heavy so at times nearly stop on quite stop the ship head up and paid off the ship sails all dried down and blocked in the ice in hoisting the ship through the ice & heaving sail the by streams of the land was W'd & W'd demi-north to W'd W'd the nearest dist about 25 miles Navarean Cape Hope W'd & W'd & W'd the middle & latter part the same Lat 61-54 N Long 179-13 E