Barque Sea Breeze of New Bedford in the Ar[ctic Ocean]

Wednesday the 10th 1870

and [illegible] Expectation Dist 30 miles

The first part of these 24 hours light airs from W.N.W. & East & Bramsails & clear weather hauling ship round all sail working to the Eastward & Northward looking for New Lands as the ships generally does about this time in the season in hopes to get a peep of the Good old fellows to pray us for coming up so as it is rather a tedious cruise take it all to gether employed in stowing down oil and repairing boats at 7 P.M. hove bottom up S.E. & W. of Bramsails Dist about 30 miles the middle & latter parts the watch employed in stowing off the down hole & backing out the chocks

Bu 8 4 P.M. 30-40 no sell

Lat by obs 70-00 N Lon 0 28
Long by Chro 166-07 W

Thursday the 11th of August 1870

The first part of these 24 hours light pleasant winds from North & clear most of the time ship under all sail on different tacks working to the East & North employed in hoking out the hole & stowing off the down hole and putting fresh water on off between decks to take the ship down here to the Sandwich Islands having we could not have to hove a passage down the middle & latter parts strong winds from W.N.W. & clear ship under all sail working to the East & N. on a number of tacks

at 4 P.M. Bu 30-25 saw a sail

Lat by obs 70-00 N Lon 0 38 W
Long by Chro at 8 P.M. 162-31

Friday the 12th of August 1870

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The first part of these 24 hours strong winds from W.S.W. & W. & clear thick hazy weather so that we could not see any distance at 3 P.M. saw the land bearing S.S.W. & W. & W. dist about 10 miles on a number of ships and plenty of ice all around quite open large heavy ice most of it of the appearance they call fast ice can not be far off as we begin to see large & heavy pieces & floes of ice all around purposes to have broken from the main body of ice the middle part pleasant from W.N.W. & thick fog with some rain ship under short sail on short tacks in order to see the ice the latter part pleasant from W.N.W. & clear so ships under short sail working to the North & East through the ice some pieces of ice 1 to 5 miles long and concerd heavy acker of water

at 6 P.M. 30-15

Lat by obs 70-17 N
Long by Chro 162-48 W

Saturday the 13th of August 1870

The first part of these 24 hours fresh gales from W.N.W. & clear at times ship on the starboard tack heading East & Bramsails under reefed topsails & fore top-sail & fore sail as a ships working to the Eastward employed in setting up casks to put oil in when we are so fortunate as to see a free have heard of which we are in hopes to get a sight of the good old fellows since as we are nearing the place where we expect to see some the middle & latter parts the same & with fog most of the time ship on short tacks near the land

at 5 P.M. Bu 30-30 & ships in sight

Lat by obs 70-17 N Lon 0 28 W
Long by Chro 163-33 W

Ocean Cruising for Whales N. P. Gray Master 1870

Sunday the 14th of August 1870

at 8 P.M. Bu 30-30

The first part of these 24 hours strong winds from W.N.W. & with fogging fog squalls at times at 8 P.M. spoke the Pelican of Honolulu Capt Kempenton 318 miles ship on short tacks near icy lake or 14 ships around at a distance the middle & latter parts fresh gales from W.N.W. & thick fog with fogging snow squalls ship under main sail on short tacks among the ice ice all around and very heavy pieces so we can with ship very well around in it but it is very bad work thick fog so we can not see a great distance after come up with heavy pieces of ice before we can see them so makes it very difficult to work ship as the ships will get quite a nearly on to it before we can discover it with a gale blowing on shore the N.E. have to keep the ship under short sail or we will not stand up in under much canvas I must say this place is one of the most unpleasant places I ever ventured in in hopes to get through with it all safe and I shall be thankfull

Lat by obs 70-06 N
Long by Chro 163-34 W

Monday the 15th of August 1870

at 8 P.M. Bu 30-25

The first part of these 24 hours strong gales from W.N.W. & thick fog with fogging snow squalls ship under storm sail on short tack to keep clear of the ice in company with a number of other ships at 7 P.M. spoke the Barque Enterprise Morgan last date come on land a short time blowing on so prevent on land again the middle & latter parts of the same & ship under reef main top-sail fore top-sail & jumbo

Lat by obs 69-25 N at 3 P.M. 1876
Long by Chro 163-52 W at 8 P.M. 1876

Tuesday the 16th of August 1870

and [illegible]

The first part of these 24 hours strong gales from W.N.W. & clear ship under short sail on different tacks holding up to the wind but trying around all the time on a free ship under short sail at 4 P.M. land in sight distant 12 miles the extremes of it as East around to S.E. & E. Bramsails sounded got 11 fathoms of water with a heavy smell again from S.W. & W. at 3 P.M. turned the reefs out of main top sail at 4 P.M. set fore top sail close reefed at 2 P.M. turned one reef out of fore top sail ship heading S.S.E. We are now up among the ice and on the East shore trying for Bear heads and I believe it is about as unpleasant a place for a whole ship to cruise as every place I go of have to be in among heavy ice most of the time and when the wind lets in from the South as it does some times the current sets up the shore to the N.E. very rapid and makes it hard work for the ship to hold up for fear of going to fast with any getting closer in the ice for the season I am fearful some of the ships hereabouts will get closed in the ice some of these times if so no doubt will have from the middle & latter parts the strong breezes from S.S.E. & S.E.