Barque Sea Breeze of New Bedford in the Pacific

Ship under all sail at times working to the W.ward, up the land as
enough of sails.
Lat obs 69-55 N at 4 P.M.
Long by chro 162-00 W at 4 P.M.

Wednesday the 17th of August 1870

End Bark

The first part of these 24 hours
strong winds from W.ward & W by S with clear ship under all sail
working up to the W.ward along the land on a number of sail
working the same way at 4 P.M. the appearance of the land
W by N around to south & beyond the nearest dist about 4 miles
very low on smooth ground the land can not be seen over 3-4 miles
the middle & latter part strong winds from W.ward & W by S with
some fog ship under all sail on short tacks working to
the W.ward on a number of sails of the lee
Lat obs 70-32 N at 2 P.M.
Long by chro 161-28 W at 4 P.M.

End Bark

Thursday the 18th of August 1870

The first part of these
24 hours strong winds from W.ward & W by S & W by W & cloudy ship under
short sail on different tacks working to the W.ward at 4 P.M. saw
the land the appearance it was W.ward & from W.ward & W nearest
dist about 10 miles lying W.ward & W by S & a number of ships
working to the windward under all sail the middle & latter part
fresh gales from W.ward & W by W & thick fogg most of the time ship
under short sail on short tacks near the land at 7 P.M. spoke the
ship Daniel Webster Capt Marvin 300 bbls of sperm oil this season
Lat by observation at 7 P.M. 70-37 N
Long by chro at 3 P.M. 162-12 W

Friday the 19th of August 1870

The first part of these 24 hours
fresh gales from W.ward & W & thick fogg most of the time ship under
reef topsails & storm sails on a free ship near enough short
sail one fitting out oil supposed to be the bark Capt Stock
that struck a whale 2 days hence the winds have been so strong now
for a few days I think it is all for the best it has a tendency to
drive the ice from the shore so it looks more warm for the ships
to work in and no doubt very flagging to green & I am fearful
the middle part strong winds from W by S & W & thick fogg most of the
time the latter part light airs from S.W. & foggy in company with
the Bark Ship Champion of Edgarton Capt Pease at 8 A.M. spoke
him and the Capt came on board
Lat obs 70-41 N
Long by chro at 2 P.M. 161-40
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Correct " " 162-50



Ocean on a Whaling Cruise W.m P. Gray, Master 1870

Saturday the 20th of August 1870

8 P.M. 20-25 ended 8 P.M. 2 fathoms

The first part of these
24 hours light airs from S.W. & thick fogg ship under short
sail in company with the Barque Ship Champion of Edgarton
Capt Pease the middle part thick fog most of the time ship under
short sail on different tacks the latter part light airs from S.W.
& clear then fog ship North & S.W. on a number 2 bearing
Lat obs 70-42 N
Long chro 160-48 W

End Bark

Sunday the 21st of August 1870

The first part of these
24 hours light airs & calms at 6 P.M. saw three Barques heaving
the lead by them no success on a number of ships same there
Boats down for whales one ship accepting & visiting land
in sight at 5 P.M. the appearance of the land was W.ward to
south the nearest dist about 16 miles or 15 miles farmed get
26 fathoms the middle & latter part fresh gales from W.ward & W by S & W
most cloudy ship on short
tacks the middle part light airs & calms at 8 P.M. dropped
a small cage anchor under the fore foot to hold the ship in the tide
at it run about 1 mile per hour the current running to the W.ward of W
the latter part strong winds from W.ward & W cloudy ship on short
tacks working up the land in company with a number of other ships
at 11 A.M. the land bore W.ward of W running south the nearest dist about
4 miles with 6 fathoms water under the ship.
Lat obs 71-05 N
Long chro 160-18 W

Monday the 22nd of August 1870

The first part of these 24 hours
strong winds from W.ward & W by W ship under all sail working to the W.ward
at 5 P.M. passed the ~~body~~ fore bow heads the body nearest close up to the ice
on a free bay breeze thick one mile long spin from the ice about
distance the ship came down and took shine in fore and turned shine
the whole chain 10 miles out strong off the ice took shine off shore chain
at 11 P.M. let the whole chain go about 3 P.M. stood down a short distance to
take shine from side to the wind to put the stock of chain on got it
on board ship the whole nearly under the ship we back to put the pin
alone on got it on board ship again and commenced cutting at 5 P.M. finished
cutting at 10 A.M. Tuesday a gale from W.ward with a heavy swell from the
same & thick cloudy on a good deal of heavy ice at times
Lat obs 70-50 N
Long chro 160-12 W

5 P.M. 30-25 ended 8 P.M. 2 fathoms

Tuesday the 23rd of August 1870

The first part of these 24 hours strong gales
from W.ward & W thick cloudy ship under short sail on the south & W tack
employed in clearing the decks after getting a heavy sea the middle &
latter part strong winds from W.ward & W by S & W ship under short sail
working up the land in a thick fog & some rain the middle
part had a heavy thunder storm in the latter part
Lat Accept 70-50 N
Long by accept 160-00 W