Barke Sea Breeze of New Bedford on a whaling voy

Thursday the 6 of October 1870

at 4 PM Br

The first part of these 24 hours light winds from N.E. & variable & thick cloudy most of the time with some fine rain steering ship S.S.W. under double reefed sails employed in bailing out oil & stowing down oil ship leaking very considerable as we have got chafed several of them in the bluber room to bail out in hopes to have good weather to bal it out and if we do so for one shall be well pleased and no doubt most of my men will be in or have the appetite my greatest desire is to get through the thick ice night as we have a good deal thicker and not very good sailing thus of year but shall trust to luck and our Maker to guide us through kept at 3 PM, so the land having slip compass dist about 20 miles the middle & latter fragt strong winds from N.E. & cloudy ship under storm sails the latter fragt fresh winds they in chase & under all sail at 4 PM we had to cease pumping the works the ship rolled so bad on lash things in general about ship at 11½ am saw the land having south & west of compass dist about 10 miles

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Lat by obs 62-17 N
Long by obs 169-00 W

Friday the 7 of October 1870

at 6 PM Br 29-85

The first part of these 24 hours fresh winds from N.W. & cloudy thick hazy at 1 PM, saw clear enough of us brought the ship to the wind under all sail at 3 PM discovered that we was on the west shore the tide being all the time that we was on the east shore being 40 miles out of our reckoning at 6 PM, passed East Point dist about 8 miles steering ship S.S.E. & compass under all sail at 7 taken in all the light sails & latter part the fast sails at 7 PM, steering a course S.S.E. & compass thick and all night we the ship through it as long as the wind lasted at 5 AM, the wind let go to a flat calm at 6 AM light airs south with a heavy swell against from North the middle part & the latter part light airs from South & clear & times at 10 AM the fog away quite here at 6 dist about 10 miles lape [illegible] points of [illegible] & dist 40 miles the Dennis Island & bay W.S.W. 28 miles saw a ship under sail supposed to be the Emma bailing out oil at the time

East Br
Br 29-85

Cast Cape

Steering south

ship in the shoals bailing out oil

Lat by obs 65-17 N
Long by obs 170-00 W

Saturday the 8 of October 1870

at 4 PM Br 29-80

The first part of these 24 hours light winds from S.E. & N.E. steering ship South under all sail employed in bailing out oil in company with the owner of New Bedford but before at 4 PM they had been to the Lawrence Bay the south head bore west dist about 25 miles the ship head to the Bay bore N.W. dist about 30 miles the middle & latter fart strong breeze from N.E. & cloudy with passing snow steering ship S.S.E. in through the ice in company with ship owner at 8 AM saw the land having slip

the Arctic Ocean W. P. Gray, Master A.D. 1870

Since did about 25 miles high land to west of Norvers Bay at 7 a.m. the ship owner came to the town and took in his foretop-sail supposing it was to muff for him to run the ship a good deal of water but kept the ship going

Lat by acct 63-00 N
Long by acct 173-30 W

Sunday the 9 of October 1870

at 4 PM Br 28-75

The first part of these 24 hours heavy Gales from North & cloudy with passing snow steering ship S.S.E. until 3 PM, a heavy sea broke aft and nearly filled the decks full of water left the ship to the wind and laid still ship heaving west under storm sails the middle & latter parts the same with a heavy swell against from west & North colling sea like mountains in all directions of which caused the ship to labor very hard at 3 PM a heavy sea swept clean of us, filled the decks full of water broke crept the bulwarks in places stove in the west side the ship to the wind under reefed main top sail & fore top-mast stay sail so we had about 80 barrels of oil on deck and 60 of sperm and the ship very heavy and the tempest very great thoughtfully at 2 am the ship pitched a heavy lurch filled the Bam boat breaking in 2 on in the middle & taking from the davits entirely & left it with all hands of 3 men for a mother heavy lurch lifting the great boat up from the davits as she was rolled up very high at the time on shipping the sprung & very on letting the boat down called all hands and got her secured the best we could as the ship was rolling very much most of the time and very cold & freezing & cause they at very hard to do such work as the rigging gets chilled and they can not do every thing the latter part heavy Gales from the same ship going to wind storm sails heading to the west at 7 am got all hands up to clear reefed main top sail every so the paints was getting large got at reefed one part of it fair the ship when large better as the sea had got to going with the wind since the sea washing all over us at times I am in hopes we shall have better weather since for my want to get along on our passage and also get our work done as we have about 150 barrels of oil in the bluber room now that we picked out of the Arctic and makes the ship tender about shocking but hopefully we in hopes of getting weather to do our work since so we can get out of this cold weather the latter fart the same ship labouring very hard in a cross going sea

at 4 PM Br

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