

Tuesday Dec 23^d

Commenced with light baffling air at S.W. to S.S.W. Ship heading S. to S.E. the pack ice in sight and several ice Berchs. At 12 part 5 P.M. saw this to the Westward two large ice Berchs under our lee part 3 Mils the pack ice dist 8 Mils Middle part light snow and calm from Eastward Middle part light breeze from S. to S.E. and overcast Ship heading S. and S.W. & icebergs in sight and every quantity of floating ice saw several Plumpuck Whales.

Lat 44° 41' N Long 63° 33' W Dec 23^d 1740

Wednesday Dec 24th

Commenced with light winds from S. to S.E. and overcast with snow squalls Ship working to the Southward there was drift ice Middle light winds and varying from S.E. to S.W. Ship standing on opposite tack All sail set 9 icebergs in sight. At 12 part 7 A.M. saw a sperm whale lower 3 Boats parted and killed one large icebergs at the time part 1 Mils part of the time the Boats were fast to the whale they were out of sight from the Ship in thick snow squalls at 11 it took the whale a long side All hands employed getting ready for cutting ends with thick snow squalls and the wind inclining to breeze Lat 44° 00' Long 171° 20'

Thursday Dec 25th Commenced with fresh gales at S inclining S.W. at 1 P.M. commenced cutting down and it to be very tedious it being freezing weather At 1 A.M. got the Head off and the Ruddy hove in All hands well wet and heat out made all fast and got 12 provisions after a repose of 6 hours commenced operations a gain At noon hove in fresh & ease at once hove in fresh gales from S. to S.W. accompanied with snow squalls till the time Lat 44° 00' Dec 25th 1740

Friday Dec 26th

Commenced with fresh gales at S.W. accompanied with thick snow squalls All hands employed cutting up junk and ease and getting ready for Boiling Middle part fresh gales at S.W. Ship heading S.E. several icebergs in sight Latter part fresh gales from S.W. and squally saw a large sperm whale to range to Whales icebergs in sight and every quantity of small ice all round the Ship sang from S. to S. put out of water Ship heading to the Southward there was the ice employed Boiling

Lat 44° 06' S Long 171° 37' E

Saturday Dec 27th

Commenced with light winds at S.W. Ship heading to the Southward icebergs in sight and small ice many numerous At 1 P.M. to much ice in sight a head tacked Ship to the Westward Middle part variable fresh & hours light winds from S.W. to S.E. accompanied with thick snow squalls Latter 4 hours fresh gales at S.E. with snow Ship standing on opposite tack to keep clear of the ice several icebergs in sight and small ice a plenty of it Latter part strong gales at S.E. with snow squalls Ship heading S.W. not much ice in sight icebergs in sight employed Boiling

Lat 44° 15' S Long 171° 25' E

Sunday Dec 28th Commenced with strong gales at S.E. with snow squalls icebergs in sight and rain small ice At 1 P.M. took down the masts and took in the Fore sail Ship heading S.W. under storm sails Middle part more moderate At 12 P.M. started the Masts Latter part light winds at S.W. Ship heading S.E. icebergs in sight and rain small ice employed Boiling and lowering down Oil Lat 44° 07' S Long 171° 56' E