

Wednesday May 11th 1858

Strong breeze and cloudy cold with the wind snow all sail set steering by the wind E by S, wind drift at 2 P.M. came up to heavy ice tacked to West and gam'd with the *Siberian*.

Middle and Latter parts moderate but snow most of the time ship on different tack, A plenty of ice in sight much more than I wish there was, this ends.

Wednesday May 12th

Moderate breeze and smooth water from North, to N.W. all sail set working to windward into a deep bay in the ice, I think I should go out in the moon of in to ice the *Siberian* in company.

Middle and Latter parts much the same, all sail set steering Eastward in a clear place in the ice, this ends, ice all round, I do not like this country, one other sail in sight to the South.

Latitude $59^{\circ} 28'$ North,
Longitude $177^{\circ} 48'$ East,

Thursday May 13th

Light wind from Southward all sail set steering Eastward between two strips of ice, extending further than the eye can reach, at 6 P.M. landed the *Siberian*, saw two other sail working through the ice, Middle and Latter parts much the same, at 4 A.M. saw a bow head, lowered the boats but saw no more of him, saw two or three others amongst the ice, let me get safe out of this scrape them that like to come amongst ice for whales can come but I shall not, if I get out of this, this ends.

Friday May 14th 1858

Fresh breeze from S.E. ship at anchor in the ice, went off amongst it looking for whales (hard whaling I think) at 5 P.M. came on land, blowing on took in sail to clear reef top sails, and not room to work the ship for the ice, it was what I was afraid of, we should get up amongst the ice and get a blow, and how it will end no man knows, but if God spares my life to get clear of this season, I will not come to look after bow heads again neither would I now if I had known it in time.

Middle part strong breeze at 8 P.M. hauled fore and mizen top sail, and wore round head East.

Latter part not so much breeze but rain, thus ends another day, I think that I have lost about one pound of flesh for the last two days.

Saturday May 15th

Fresh breeze from South, and thick fog ship in the ice lost sight of *Siberian* top mast stay sail, snow and then a little clear water, at 4 P.M. lit up a few minnets, saw the *Siberian* and the bark, at 2 thick fog and blowing on, and as we drift with the ice seems to get heavier, I wish we was well out of it, Middle and Latter parts wind about the same, but more swell makes it very bad in the ice, at 9 got into a clear place saw whale lower boat got one and got him along side about noon, I would not lower for a whale in such weather and ice ice ice, if I am spared to get clear of this I shall not trouble ice whaling again, it is worse than I ever thought, if it was so swell it would be well.