

Sunday May 16th 1858

Strong breeze and cloudy with a long swell from S.E. ice all round at 1:30 commenced cutting finished at 5:30 thick snow storm and bad weather I should not think anything about the weather if we was only clear of the ice as if it was perfectly smooth, the wind has been blowing from this quarter so long that the swell had got here, at 8 P.M. took in all sail except fore top mast stay sail to try to make it easier in the ice, Middle part thick snow storm, Latter part wind from Westward and thick cloudy cold weather with nothing in sight but ice now and then a small patch of water, got ready and began to sail, at 10 set the main top sail, this is a dangerous looking country and we have got in amongst the ice where we had not ought to be, where I would never come, I have felt so bad that I have passed most the day below.

Monday May 17th

Wind from West and pleasant to what we have had it for the last three days, the old swell going yet, and the ice as thick or thicker than yesterday, the *Siberia* in sight Middle and Latter part good weather but the ice seems to be more compact, about 10 A.M. drifted into a small clear spot, saw whales lowered two boats but saw them no more the *Siberia* in sight in the ice, I wish that I could see some prospect of our getting out of this ice, as the ice going away, it appeared to me to be all foolishness getting in here, any how, Latter part 60° 08' N. lat.

Tuesday May 18th 1858

Moderate breeze and clear weather from N.W. ship solid in the ice, at 2 P.M. Capt Edwards of the *Siberia* on board he lowered for whales and the ice closed and he could not get to his ship, nothing but ice to be seen, Oh I wish it was nothing but water, I want to stop below all the time for I am afraid, but I hope we shall get clear yet, but it looks hard now, Middle and Latter part cloudy, at 10 A.M. finished sailing, and cleared up the decks, the *Siberia* in sight, Capt Edwards got on board about 1st last night, thus ends, Wednesday May 19th

Fresh breeze from N.W. ship in the ice but it does not look so heavy as yesterday at 3 P.M. drifted into a clear spot of about 3 miles, saw no whales, the *Siberia* had her boats down, Middle and Latter part moderate breeze and filled in a small spot of clear though the night Latter part lay alone most of the time drifting in the ice, broke and the main hole and stowed, 11 P.M. sail saw no whales but plenty of ice, but thank fortune the weather is good at present and the ice will break by and by I suppose but there is a large quantity of it to go away and the quicker it goes the better I shall like it,