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Monday May 13th

Lying hove to in a thick fog, the water guardously employed
Lat by Obs 51.00 N
Long by Chr 159.00 W
Tuesday May 14th

Fresh Gales from S. West. Standing to the Westward under Main Top Sail and fore sail with fine clear weather overhead but rather wet under foot. See more birds than usual a good sign for Whales. Lat by Obs 51.26
Long by Chr 159.34 W
Wednesday May 15th

Clear weather throughout the day, some fog towards evening. Set all sail with Standby to the South and shot a whale. Not even a spout of any kind. Set up fifty barrels of bark. Lat by Obs 52.65 N
Long by Chr 160.04 W
Thursday May 16th

Strong breeze from East heading to the South at 10 AM hauled to the South and shortened sail. Latter part foggy and very cold. Employed in setting up masts. Lat by Obs 52.30 N
Long by Chr 160.10 W
Friday May 17th

Strong Gales from North with thick weather heading to West. Went at 6 AM in topsails and fore sail to heading to the East at 6 AM hit fore sail. No observations.
Long by Chr 160.00 W
Saturday May 18th

Fresh Gales from East heading to the S. East. Saw finbacks employed guardously with the hold on Bels Kemmick off New York. Lat by Obs 52.01 N
Long by Chr 160.00 W

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Sunday May 19th

Fresh Gales from S. East and rains heading to the North saw many finbacks. Lat by Obs 53.05 N
Long by Chr 159.40 W
Monday May 20th

Moderate breeze from E. S. East and rainy weather heading to the N. W. the wind hauled to the South at 10 AM the yards and stena E. S. East. Lat by Obs 53.00 N
Long by Chr 158.32 W
Tuesday May 21st

Fresh breeze from S. West. Steering E. S. East at 4 PM raised masts. Whales lowered immediately and chased him until 6 PM then came on board all at 4 PM raised more whales lowered, struck killed and sunk. A large whale at 8 AM came on board. Examined the boats and found seven lions and three shots of line. Missings. Rather an unfortunate piece of business. But never mind. Say good faithful whale. Lat by Obs 52.52 N
Long by Chr 157.49 W
Wednesday May 22nd

Fresh Gales from S. West. Standing to the Westward at 4 PM saw a whale to leeward but did not lower for him. Contented ourselves by looking at him at 10 AM saw ship to leeward heading to the Westward under easy sail. Lat by Obs 53.09 N
Long by Chr 158.00 W
Thursday May 23rd

Moderate breeze and fine weather at 6 AM raised. Whales lowered but did not get near them at 12 spoke ship saying Goodbye 18 Months out 2000 lbs. Lat by Obs 52.33 N Long by Chr 157.20 W