

Private Journal of a Voyage in Whale Ship

Monday

May 18th 1851 } Commences with fresh breezes from S. with hazy weather, heading E.S.E. gunning with Ship's Luminary, Apex, and Abance. Middle part the same. Latter part fresh breeze from the S.E. 14 sail in sight spoke with ships Daniel Webster, and Enclia.

Tuesday

the 20th } Commences with fresh breezes from the E. heading on different tacks. 7 sail in sight and plenty of Ice. Middle and Latter parts fresh gales with snow. No Observations.

Wednesday

the 21st } Commences with moderate gales from the S.E. with foggy weather, heading on different tacks. Middle and Latter Moderating at 10 A.M. heading S.W. & come into Field Ice and run through it the remainder of this twenty-four hours.

Thursday

May 22nd 1851.

Came in a thick fog, with snow the ice growing more compact it was deemed prudent to bear Ship to S.E. at 2 P.M. wind came to East and the fog lifted. were Ship again to the N.W. & two Ships in sight. came up with & passed the Minerva, at 4 P.M. see opened to N.W. thought them to be Bowheads the ice being rather heavy we again wore Ship to S.E. and double reefed the 7th Mizen top sails. Lying aback at 6 thick snow from Ship lying to in the Field Ice with many seals around. 7 little ducks with feathers. Middle and Latter parts the same. sounder got Bottom with 66 Fathoms. No Observations.

Abraham, Barker to the Arctic Ocean, 1851.

Friday

May 23rd 1851 } Commences with calm foggy weather the Ship lying in the Field Ice. two sails in sight. Middle part the same. Latter part light breezes from the S.W. heading S.W. spoke with Ship Minerva, of N Bedford. Lat 61° 45' N Long

Saturday

May 24th } Commences with fine breezes from the E by N heading S.W. with fog. gunning with Ship Minerva. Middle and Latter parts the same got Bottom with 70 Fathoms. Lat 61° 41' N Long 178° 31' E

Sunday

May 25th } Commences with fine breezes from the E.S.E. with fog two sails in sight at 6 P.M. made the Ice, and tacked to the S. Middle and Latter Parts the same. No Observations.

Monday

May 26th } Commences with fresh breezes from the S.W. at 1 P.M. the Fog lifted steering N.W. at 5 P.M. made the Ice, and tacked to the wind, 8 sails in sight spoke with Ship General Pike, and Barque Emu. Middle part the same. Latter part fresh gales with snow squalls. Lat 62° 00' N Long.

Tuesday

May 27th } Commences with strong breezes from S.W. heading N. spoke with Ship Wm Thompson. Middle and Latter Parts light airs 35 sails in sight at 4 P.M. made the Land, Cape Graham, distant 20 miles with fine weather. Lat 62° 28' N Long

Pine Island.