

Remarks while on the Passage to Behring's Straits

Wednesday May the 1st Commenced with strong breezes from N.E. by N. with fair weather. Ship by the wind heading N.W. by N. at 2 P.M. set the mizen top gallant sail & 2 P.M. increasing breezes with rugged weather same time furled the top gallant sails, at 4 P.M. moved ship to the S by E, to clear and stand in our track at 2 P.M. veered ship heading up N.W. by N. at 4 P.M. set the main top gallant sail & at 8 set the fore do, at 12 M. furled them again. Breezes with fresh gales & clear weather, Littlefield Commairecent, Lat by Obs 25.05 North, long by Chron 154.00 East

Thursday May the 2nd A continuation of brisk gales from the N.E. by N. and clear rugged weather, Ship by the wind under whole top sail & courses heading up N.W. by N. at 10 P.M. increasing gales single reefed the fore & mizen top sails and furled the spanker through the night strong gales & rugged weather, from 6 to 12 M. strong steady gales from the N.E. & clear weather, Ship heading up N.W. the Watch employed with sundry jobs, Littlefield much better to day Lat by Obs 27.05 North long by Bot 152.25 East, variation of the compass 4 E

Friday May the 3rd Commenced with strong gales from the N.E. and clear weather, the ship with pendant sail set heading N.W. at 4 P.M. more moderate & let the reef out of the fore & mizen top sails, & set the fore & mizen top sails & spanker, at 6 P.M. a brisk breeze from N.E. by E, Ship heading up N.W. by N. at 8 P.M. set the flying jib the latter part a light breeze from the N.E. & pleasant, saw one fin back, the Cooper bottling up shoocks. Lat by Obs 29.17 North, long by Chron 152.07 East, variation of the compass 4 E

Saturday May the 4th Commenced with a light breeze from the N.E. & fair weather, Ship by the wind with all sail set heading N.W. at 12 M. a light breeze from the N.E. & set the fore top mast Studding sail, Steering N.W. from 9 to 12 M. calm & cloudy, the Watch employed repairing the fore top sail, Littlefield still unwell but much better Lat by Obs 30.45 North long by Chron 152.30 East,

Sunday May the 5th makes its appearance with a calm & cloudy S at 4 P.M. lent the fore top sail, same time a light air from the S.E. & set all sail to the breeze, steering N.W. by E, the middle part calm & pleasant weather, at 3 P.M. took a breeze from the N.W. with some rain, at 7 P.M. squally appearances & furled the top gallant sails and Double reefed the top sails, Ship heading to the N.W. the latter part a strong gales & rugged weather Lat by Obs 31.5 North, long by Bot 152.00 East.

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Monday May the 6th Commenced with fresh gales from the N.E. & with rugged weather, the ship by the wind with all Double reefed top sails set heading up N.W. at 1 P.M. more moderate & let the reef out of the top sails, at 6.30 P.M. set the main top gallant sail at 8 set the fore & mizen top gallant sails, and at 11 set the flying jib the latter part light breezes & fine weather Ship with all sail set heading N.W. by N. at 12 M. Saw Sperm Whales going quick to the Westward Lat by Obs 32.52 North, long by Chron 150.63

Tuesday May the 7th Commenced with light breezes and fine weather Ship running to the West after the Whales, at 1.30 P.M. set the fore top mast Studding sail, & at 2.30 lowered for the Whales, and struck a large one to the starboard boat, and lost the line, and did not see him after, at 4.30 struck one to the Starboard boat, kill'd him and at 7 P.M. got him to ship & made him fast, got Supper and set the Watch, at day light call'd all hands & began to eat the Whale, at 12 M. got his head off & his body in the Blubber room the latter part of these 26 hours moderate breezes and hazy weather Lat by Bot 33.05 North long by Bot 150.00 East

Wednesday May the 8th Commenced with moderate breezes from the N.E. & with hazy weather, all hands employed butting the Whale at 6 P.M. finished butting the case and got Supper & set the Watch at 7 set the top sails jib & fore sail heading to the N.W. through the night light and fair weather, at Day light began to boil at 10 M. set the main top gallant sail, the latter part a brisk breeze from the N.E. Ship by the wind heading to the North Littlefield recovered and on Duty, all hands Employed boiling. Lat by Obs 33.44 North, long by Chron 149.49 East

Thursday May the 9th Commenced with a brisk breeze from the N.E. & with pleasant weather, Ship by the wind heading to the North the Watch employed boiling, the middle & latter part brisk breeze from the S.E. and fair weather, course N.E. boiling Sperm, Lat by Obs 35.20 North, long by Chron 150.30 East

Friday May the 10th Commenced with a brisk breeze from the S.E. and fair weather, Ship under top gallant sails steering N.E. at 11 P.M. finished boiling 65 bbls of Sperm oil, & set the main mast at 1 P.M. set the Starboard fore top mast Studding sail the latter part a brisk breeze from the South with hazy weather the Watch Employed Coopering the oil, Nothing of the Whale kind Lat by Obs 37.32 North, long by Chron 153.47