

Remarks While on A Passage to Bering's Strait & the Arctic Ocean

Saturday May the 11th Commences with a brisk breeze from the South, with fair weather, all evening sail set steering N.E. the middle part brisk breeze & cloudy, at 4.30 Am commenced steering to the latter part strong breezes and fair weather, nothing of the Whale was seen by the 39.17 North long by Chron 156.18 East

Sunday May the 12th the first part of these twenty four hours a fresh breeze from the S.S.E. Ship with all drawing sail set steering N.E. all hands employed stowing the bit, at 8 P.M. finished stowing 70 Hbls saw the sail 100 Whale & 11 Sperm, the middle & latter part strong breezes from the S.E. with cloudy heavy weather, at 11 P.M. furled the main top gallant sail & took in the fore top mast standing sail. Lat by the 41.25 North, long by the 158.50 East.

Monday May the 13th Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. and heavy weather, the ship with prudent sail set steering N.E. at 2 P.M. furled the fore top gallant sail, at 3 the wind turned veered to the South with thick drizzly weather, at 1 P.M. the wind veered to the South West with clear weather, same time set all sail again, from 7 Am until 10 calm, at 10 a breeze from the East braced the yards sharp heading N.E. & lumber of fin backs in by. Lat by the 42.47 North Long by Chron 160.20 East

Tuesday May the 14th Commences with a light breeze from the East and heavy weather, ship by the wind with all sail set heading up N.E. at 5 P.M. set in a thick fog, at 8 P.M. the wind veered to the S.E. & set the fore top mast standing sail. course N.E. mid night increasing breezes with thick rainy weather from 12 to 1 Am took in the flying jib & standing sail, and furled the top gallant sails, from 3 to 5 Am double reefed the top sails & furled the jib & main sail & Mizzen top sail at 9 Am wind more moderate and set the Mizzen top sail double reefed and let one reef out of the fore & main top sail, came with fresh gales from the S.E. with thick rainy weather. Lat by the 45.04 North, long by the 162.05 East

Wednesday May the 15th Commences with fresh gales from the S.E. with thick rainy weather, ship under single reef, top sail steering N.E., at 2 P.M. more moderate, shifted up N.E. and set the jib & main sail & at 3 let the reef out of the main top sail & set the main top gallant sail, the middle part strong breezes with rain, the latter part more moderating & foggy with a large swell from the East. saw one fin back near the ship. Lat by the 46.30 North, long by the 162.50 East

on Board Ship Bowditch, Nelson Malden, Master AD 1850

Thursday May the 16th Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. with thick foggy weather, ship with prudent sail set steering N.E. at 3 P.M. the wind changed to the N.E.W. with the appearance of a gale furled the main top gallant sail & jib & main sail, at 8 P.M. double reefed the fore top sail & at 10 double reefed the main top sail, at 11 Am strong gales with rain & furled the Mizzen top sail, at 2.30 Am the wind veered to the S.E. with increasing gales and rain same time furled the fore top sail, at 9 Am spoke the Ship Huntville of Cold Spring, bound to the Arctic Ocean, came with thick gales with rugged thick weather. Lat by the 48.20 North, long by the 166.20 East

Friday May the 17th these twenty four hours Commence with strong gales from the S.E. attended with thick rugged weather, ship under double reef, main top sail & fore sail, steering N.E. in company with the Huntville, through the night equally with fog and rain at 4 Am set the fore top sail close reefed, at 10 the Capt went on board of the Huntville, at 11 kept off N.E. and at 12 Am kept off South by the 49.50 North, long by the 167.41, variation one pt Easterly

Saturday May the 18th Commences with fresh gales from the S.E. with rugged equally weather, ship with prudent sail set steering N.E. at 2 P.M. let one reef out of the fore top sail, at 5 P.M. the Capt came on board and kept off N.E. by W. middle part increasing gales and veering to the N.E. at 4 Am the wind veered to the North, same time close reefed the fore top sail, at 8 Am heavy gales & rugged weather with fog snow & rain, furled the fore top sail & fore sail & close reefed the main top sail & hove too heading up N.E. & off West, so then. Lat by the 50.30 North, long by the 167.10 East, variation of the compass, 1.50 Easterly

Sunday May the 19th Commences with strong gales from the North attended with rugged foggy weather ship lying too under close reef, main top sail, at 2 P.M. took the bow & Mizzen Boats on the upper cranes, ship heading to the N.E.W. at 9 P.M. wind moderating & veering to the East & set the fore sail & close reefed fore & Mizzen top sails, at 4 Am moderate cloudy weather and set all sail heading to the Northward at 12 M saw a Right Whale & lowered the boats in chase. Lat by the 52.00 North long by the 165.59 East

Monday May the 20th Commences with a light air from the Eastward and cloudy at 2.30 P.M. gave up the chase and hoisted the boats. Course North, from 6 P.M. to 12 M calm, at 1 Am a light breeze from the S.W. set all sail steering N.E. by W. the latter part light breeze and cloudy, nothing of the Whale. Lat by the 52.30 N, long by the 165.50 East Variation of the Compass one pt Easterly