

Remarks While Cruising in the Kamtschatka Sea, D. 1851

Monday May the 19th

Commenced with a fresh breeze from the S.S.E. and thick cloudy weather. Employed boiling at 2 P.M. lowered for Whales & struck one to the L. Boat and got stove, killed the Whale & he sank, & took 300 fathoms of line with him, at 5 P.M. the wind hauled to the S.E. & began to snow, same time Double reefed the main top sail & clewed up the fore & mizen top sails & furled the jib at 7 P.M. the water took yellow & wore ship to the E.N.E. at 10 P.M. the wind hauled to the South, the middle part strong breezes & rugged & drizzly weather, at 1 P.M. wore ship to the W.S.W. and set the fore & mizen top sails close reefed & set the jib, the latter part a fresh breeze and thick weather saw several Whales through the day going quick to the S.E. lowered the boats twice without success.
Lat by Obs 57.50, Long by Acc 165.10

Tuesday May the 20th

Commenced with a fresh breeze from the Southwester and thick weather, at 3 P.M. lowered three boats and chased a Whale without success, at 4 set in foggy and took up the boats, the wind veering to the S.S.E. at 8 P.M. began to snow at 10 P.M. wore ship heading up S by E, the middle part fresh gales attended with snow & rain, at 7 A.M. blowing a strong gale from the East with a turbulent sea, same time cooled down the try works & took the oars out of the boats and took on the upper crains & lashed the oil on Deck, & close reefed the main top sail the latter part a strong gale from the E by N with a turbulent sea the ship close reefed top sail set and fore sail heading S.E. by S. Lat by Acc 57.20 North, Long by Acc 165.10

Wednesday May the 21st

Commenced with a strong gale from the E by N attended with snow & rain and a turbulent sea, the ship under close reefed top sails & fore sail heading S.E. by S. to keep off shore at 12 M. N. more moderate, and at 9 A.M. clewed up the fore & mizen top sails and began to boil, the latter part the wind moderating, with a bad smell & fog & rain.
Lat by Acc 57.10 Long by Acc 165.25 East

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Thursday May the 22nd

Commenced with a moderate gale from the E by N. with a large swell and thick fog, the Watch Employed Boiling the ship under close reefed main top sail & fore sail heading S.E. by S, the middle part light breezes and Drizzly weather, at 6 P.M. began to stow oil down the main hatchway at 10 A.M. finished boiling the latter part calm and foggy.
Lat by indifferent Obs 56.30 North Long by Acc 165.00

Friday May the 23rd

these 24 hours commenced with a light air from the North and foggy, at 1 P.M. let the reefs out of the top sail and set the jib & main top gallant sail, at 2 P.M. calm & foggy at 6 finished stowing 100 bbls of oil, at 12 M. N. a light breeze from the South, set all sail steering N by E, at 4.30 A.M. increasing breezes from the S.E., same time luffed to the wind heading N.E. by E, at 7 A.M. began to stow the oil down the fore hatchway same time set in to snow & rain, at 9 A.M. increasing gales and furled the top gallant sail & flying jib and at 11 Double reefed the top sails, ends with a strong gale from the S.E. by E, attended with rain & rugged weather.
Lat by Acc 57.00 North Long by Acc 165.20 East

Saturday May the 24th

Commenced with a strong gale from the S.E. by E, attended with rain, the ship under Double reefed top sail heading N.E. by E, at 3 P.M. increasing gales, & furled the jib and Double reefed the fore & mizen top sails, at 8 P.M. the wind hauled to the S.S.E. and kept the ship E.N.E. and set the jib at 3 A.M. kept off N.E. & at 6 let the reefs out of the main top sail and set one reef out of the fore & mizen top sails the latter part fresh gales with rugged foggy weather at 10 A.M. saw a Whale & luffed to the wind with the main yard aback the Watch Employed cleaning Bore

Sunday May the 25th Commenced with a strong breeze from the South attended with cold rugged weather at 2 P.M. saw a Whale & chased him without success, at 4 P.M. Double reefed the main top sail, through the light strong breezes & rugged at 6 A.M. struck a Whale to the larboard boat & the Iron Grum, the latter part foggy at intervals, at 12 M. the wind hauled to the West and it began to clear off, same time wore ship to the N.W. Lat by Acc 56.00 North