

On Board Bark Abraham Barker making a passage to New Zealand

Monday April 13-1867

The first part of these 24 hours blowing strong from the N.W. we are steering C.S.C. under double reef topsails
Middle part the same &c
Latter part the same only blowing stronger

Tuesday April 14

The first part of these 24 hours blowing a squall from the N.W. we are steering C.S.C. under close reef main topsail Middle part towards morning it moderated & we made sail again & steered the same course &c
Latter part strong breeze but we had all sail set & steering C.S.C. & wind N.W. &c &c

Wednesday April 15

The first part of these 24 hours blowing a gale from the N.W. we are running before the wind under close reef main topsail. Middle part the same & a very heavy sea running so that it would over the ship's stern once in a while. At 3 A.M. we fired the main topgallant & luffed to the wind & about 4 or 5 A.M. we lost 2 boats & water & started to make me launch part of the water boat &c Starboard went clear latter part still blowing a squall & a very heavy sea on we were lying under bare poles

Thursday April 16

The first part of these 24 hours blowing a gale from the N.W. we were lying to under bare poles till about 5 P.M. then we luffed our topsails & foresail & did so &c
Latter part the same only rather better weather & we made sail &c
Middle part the wind died away & became good weather & we were steering the same C.S.C. & our men have been employed at ship's duties some of us were fitting up our boats that we have over head ready to put out &c

Friday April 17

The first part of these 24 hours a light breeze but a heavy sea & we had all sail set & still steering to the C.S.C. & our men have been employed at ship's duties &c

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Middle part the same &c

Latter part pleasant with a light breeze from the N.W. we had all sail set & steering C.S.C. & we have been employed at fitting up our boats &c
We put out Starboard boat on her cranes &c &c

Saturday April 20-1867

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with a good wind from the N.W. we had all sail set & steering C.S.C. &c
Middle part strong breeze from the N.W. we had all sail set & steering C.S.C. & it kept on backing on & we hauled our light sail, &c &c
Latter part strong wind & we were under short sail &c

Sunday April 21

The first part of these 24 hours strong breezes & we were under short sail & steering C.S.C. & at 4 P.M. we shook out our reef out of our topsails & set the main topgallant sail &c wind dying away
Middle part light breeze & port & the time calm &c
Latter part the same & we had all sail set &c

Monday April 22

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & calm & we had all sail set &c
Middle part pleasant with a light breeze from the N.W. &c
Latter part the same only some cloudy & we had all sail set & steering C.S.C. &c we saw several fin backs &c
Our men have been employed at painting our water boat over head & we can put her out on her cranes &c &c

Tuesday April 23

The first part of these 24 hours good weather but cloudy & we had a light breeze from the N.W. & we are steering C.S.C. &c
Middle part the same & the wind hauled around to the N. &c
Latter part the same & we are steering C.S.C. with all sail set &c

Wednesday April 24

The first part of these 24 hours good weather but cloudy & we had all sail set & steering C.S.C. with a light breeze from the N. &c & talk of fin backs in sight