Home from New Zealand

On Board Bark Abner Barkerton her passage

30 Saturday April 2nd 1870

The first part of these 24 hours Strong winds from the N.W. We were steering about N.N.E. & Sharp hauling & a heavy Sea running & at 4 P.M. we pumped ship & she had more considerable water in her

Middle part light winds from the N.W. We have all Sail set & steered N.N.E. Sharp hauling & a thick fog

Latter part about the same. We by & by spell it cleared up light airs

31 Sunday April 3rd 1870

The first part of these 24 hours good weather but by & by spell it was foggy & the wind hauled around to the S.W. We set our Stud sails & steered N.N.E. & at 4 P.M. we discovered our main top gallant mast was split at the foot & we seized it & put a bolt through it &c

Middle part strong winds from the South We had all Sail set & Steering N by E & a Squally

Latter part pleasant & by day break there was a French Bark close to us & steering the same way as we are & first we left her a Starn & after awhile she held her own & passed us

32 Monday April 4th 1870

The first part of these 24 hours good weather We had all Sail set & steering N.N.E. & with the wind from W. & the French Bark was close to us & steering about the same course &c at 3 P.M. we more sharp hauled on the Port tack & we are going our course

Middle part strong winds from the W & we were steering N by E & E &c the French Bark was close to us

Latter part pleasant & we made all Sail & squared as yards on the course N.N.E. the French Bark is still in sight

Note. men have been employed at ship's duties such as Breaking out for water &c & Stuck & pump & got him &c

33 Tuesday April 5th 1870

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we had all Sail set & steering N.N.E. at 7 P.M. N.E by N & the wind was light & the French Bark is still in sight off our lee bow &c

Middle part light winds from the N.N.W. We lay all Sail set & steering by the wind on the port tack N.E.

Latter part about the same kind of weather but the wind was more ahead or near head as it can be &c on both tacks & the French Bark was in sight &c as usual

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34 Wednesday April 6th 1870

The first part of these 24 hours a fresh breeze from the N.E. we were first on one tack & then on the other &c at 6 P.M. we were raising & hauling on our light sails & double reefed our four topsail & in the forenoon

Middle part strong winds & rainy from the N.E. we had to gear down to short sail & towards day it was better & the wind hauled around to the South we steered N.N.E.

Latter part better weather & we made all sail &c & a heavy Sea &c

35 Thursday April 7th 1870

The first part of these 24 hours strong winds from N.E. & in the forenoon we had all sail set & steering N.N.E.

Middle part pleasant & we had all sail set & steering N.N.E. with the wind from the South & that was light

Latter pleasant & the wind hauled around by the N. & four men have been employed at fitting our boats & craft into there boats &c, &c

Lat. 40.30 S
Lon. 40.37 W

36 Friday April 8th 1870

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with the Wind from the S.W. We are on the Port tack steering by the wind Steering E & E by N. our course is N.N.E.

Middle part strong winds & rainy from the N.E. & we carried away our fore top sail on the Starboard tack by the wind &c &c

Latter part strong winds or rather squally & the wind hauled around to the S.W. We steered N by E. & we made sail

37 Saturday April 9th 1870

The first part of these 24 hours strong winds from the S.W. We were steering N by E &c

Middle part about the same only more squally

Latter part the same only not so much wind &c

Lat. 36.40 S

& our men have been employed at ship's duties

38 Sunday April 10th 1870

The first part of these 24 hours fresh breeze from the S.W. & we made under all sail & steering N by E. &c

at 4 P.M. we set our mizzen topmast back stay & put on

Middle part pleasant with the wind from the South & we had all sail set & steering N by E &c

Latter part the same but not so much wind &c

39 Monday April 11th 1870

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we had all sail set & steered N by E with the wind from the South &c