

Sunday April 15th

Strong wind from N.W. and cold weather, carrying close reefed topsails by the wind on opposite tacks, along the ice, very cold, out side of the ship loaded with ice, At 3 PM spoke the Onward & I went on board of her and took tea, thick water

Lat by day 59, 03 Long E by Ch 178, 09

Monday April 16th

Fresh breeze from N.W. and clear & the sun shone bright, it was pleasant and cold, saw quite a plenty of ducks along the ice, got two birds, We set Lib and 3 plankton and whole main topsail and beat to the N.W. in the ice till 12 all then laid aback, After supper we dined and spoke the main bow and Capt Baker came on board a while and told us about the main bow, 4 Cas Barins, meeting B.R. Vile & Concord in the Humphreys bay on the Shellfish Islands and that was all the backs they saw there, At 12 o'clock we shortened sail and run west of the ice

Lat by day 59, 04 Long 179, 00

Tuesday April 17th

Light airs from N.W. and fine clear weather, & comfortable, Dried our good main topsail and bent another, Broke out for Molasses, Onward & Rainbow close by, At 4 PM I went to the Onward & then went with Capt Pulver on board the Rainbow & took supper, Saw a Finback, Saw another ship to the South of us At night shortened sail and will be along the ice

Lat by day 59, 04 Long by Ch 179, 00 East

Wednesday April 18th Fresh breeze from N.W. and cloudy

Heading to the West & laying aback & drifting along the ice, I went on board the Onward and spent the most of the day & Capt Baker & Capt Dallen came on board and spent the day, Count Birdmark came here last night, Ice in sight all along to the top of set about 59, 05

Thursday April 19th

Light wind from W and good weather, after coming up a foggy squall, Laying aback close to the ice, under double reefed topsails, Got out water from the main hold, Rebuilt the old foresail and repaired it, Birdmark, Rainbow & Onward close by, Cooper making lumps

Lat by day 59, 08 Long E by Ch 179, 00

Friday April 30th

Began with strong wind from S and hauled to the W. At 10 AM we turned to the N.W. and made the ice and ran to the N along the ice several miles, then at 2 PM we went in to the ice, spoke the main bow and onward before we went in to the ice, Ice some scattering, quite big ice, green water, Sharp hills quite plenty, Filled 2 large casks with salt water and got them by the bowprit cuts & lashed them, The ship is 6 in by the head, 3 ships with us, fine weather, Light wind from W at night & big swell from S.W.

Saturday April May 1st 1869

Light airs from S.W. to E.S.E. and good warm weather, Set all sail & moved along to the N.W. a few ships length, Birdmark 3 miles off to the East, Onward & main bow close by, At 3 PM I went on to the ice and went on board the Onward and took supper, The on ship got close to greater & came on board, wind beginning up and snowing from E.S.E., Ice thicker, Call to Latitude 60 North