

Barque Midas off Chatham Islands

Thursday the 30

this day commences with strong breeze and good weather from the NNE ship heading N by E under whole topsails and maintopgallant sails latter part strong breeze and good weather from the NNE ship heading N by E whole topsails set mending the foresails so ends this day

Friday the 31

this day commences with strong breeze and cloudy weather from the NNE ship heading N by E whole topsails set employed in mending the middle and latter part strong breeze and good weather from the NNE ship heading N by E double reef topsails and courses carried away the lower halstays so ends this day

Saturday the 1 1858

this day begins with strong breeze and rugged weather from the NNE ship heading N by E double reef topsails and courses broke out for rollers latter part strong breeze and foggy weather from the NNE ship heading N by E double reef topsails and courses and jib set so ends this day

Sunday the 2

this day commences with strong breeze and rainy weather from the NNE ship heading N by E double reef topsails and courses and jib set saw pinkish-balls latter part light breeze and foggy weather from the NNE ship heading N by E all sail set so ends this day

Long 166.58

Barque Midas of New Bedford 1858

Sunday the 3

this day begins with light breeze and good weather from the NNE ship heading N by E all sail set saw several black whales lowered the boats and got one and cut him in middle and latter part strong breeze and good weather from the NNE ship heading N by E all sail set so ends this day

Monday the 4

this day begins with strong breeze and good weather from the NNE ship heading N by E all sail set got a porpoise latter part a strong gale from the NNE ship laying two headsails N by E under close reef maintop sail broke out 3 barrels of meat spoke the ship Jaffan of fairhaven captain Pearson & crew so ends this day

Tuesday the 5

this day begins with a heavy gale and squally weather from the NNE ship heading N by E laying two headsails under close reef maintop sail the ship Jaffan in sight latter part light breeze and squally broke out one barrel of flour and a keg of butter jamming wetted the Jaffan off New Bedford so ends this day

Wednesday the 6

this day begins with light breeze and good weather from the NNE ship heading N by E the stableboard took cruising for whales 5 ships in sight saw eight whales but did not lower latter part light breeze from the NNE ship cruising for whales saw whales lowered but got nothing so ends this day

Long 160.06