

Barque Miles of New Bedford

Thursday the 28
this day commences with strong breeze
and good weather from the N ship
heaving N by W all sail set
saw some loose pieces of ice but
put light breeze and good weather from
the S & ship steering N by W by W
all sail set along the edge of the ice
plenty of it in right brake and mauls
so ends the day Lat 53° 40' Long 15° 44'

Friday the 29
this day commences with light breeze
and good weather from the E ship on
either tack beating to the windward to
get out of the ice the weather good
but strong breeze and rough
weather from the N ship heaving on
either tack working round the ice double
reeftopsails set so ends the day
Lat 53° 30' Long 15° 05'

John Henry Simpson

Saturday the 30
this day commences with strong breeze
and rough cold weather N N W ship
heaving on either tack working round the
ice ship close reef topsails set brake and
1/2 barrel of beef three ships in sight
but put strong breeze and good
weather from the N ship heaving
on either tack round the ice
three ships in sight brake and for
water so ends the day

In the Arctic Sea 1859

Sunday May the first 1859
this day commences with strong breeze
and good weather from the N ship
heaving on either tack round the ice
gunning with the Minerva James
and Milton ship under double reef top
sails but put light breeze and good
weather from the S & all sail set
in the ice gunning with the Minerva
so ends the day

Monday May the 2
this day commences with light breeze
and good weather from the S & ship
with all sail set running through
the ice heaving N three ships in
sight but put light breeze and good
weather from the S & ship running to
the Northward through the ice three ships
in sight so ends the day

Tuesday the 3
this day commences with fresh breeze
and cloudy weather from the N E
ship kept too in clear water in
company with the Minerva ship double
reeftopsails set but put light and
cloudy weather from the N W ship round
the ice double reef topsails set
gunning with the Minerva
so ends the day