

Barque. Midas In Behreets Sea on 20

Lat 53.40 Course Wednesday April 27th 1859 Remarks
 Lat 54.00 This day comes in fine clear pleasant weather
 Strong breeze from the westward but not so
 cold as heretofore saw several pieces of ice
 At 7 pm saw quite a show of ice in
 N. by E. bearing N. mid part. at 2 came up
 to a field of ice latter part plenty of ice
 cut and steer around amongst it
 steering all sorts of courses so ends the
 Day and board the Midas

Lat 53.37 Course Thursday April 28th 1859 Remarks
 This day comes in fine smooth weather
 From the N. by E. ship steering in through
 the broken ice at 2 pm commenced beating
 out of the ice at 7 pm nearly out of the
 ice. Mid part banging and thumping the ice
 through the night at 8 am saw through
 numerous patches of ice working our way out of
 the ice steered all kinds of courses making an
 average about E by N. so ends this day

Lat 53.40 Friday April 29th 1859. Remarks
 This day comes in strong breezes from the N. by E.
 Still trying to get out of the ice cut and steer
 around in air holes run through some patches
 some of the ice pretty hard at 5 pm saw three
 sails two of them appeared to be working in to
 the ice and the western tack the other one to the
 eastward of us on tack. tack. close hauled partly
 hauled the foresail. Middle part much the same
 latter part backing and filling around through
 the ice spoke the following ships, Milton Minerva

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Lat 53.28 Course Saturday April May 1st 1859 Remarks
 This day comes in strong breezes from the
 N. by E. in company with the following ships
 Milton Minerva Jennett ship laying about
 to clear the ice mid part. laying about
 latter part much the same. 3 sails in sight
 all working to the N. at noon run in
 through the ice making a course. 8 miles
 found clear water kept in it as much as
 possible so ends this day on board the Midas

Lat 54.00 Course Sunday May 2nd 1859 Remarks on board Midas
 This day comes in fine pleasant weather
 three sails in sight ready run in company
 with the Minerva steering all sorts of courses
 making our course N. by E. to govt at 2 pm
 set her about ice all around us within
 1/2 of a mile up to 8 miles mid part
 much the same lat part five three sails in
 sight Minerva and ourselves concluded to
 battle with the ice so there goes in to the
 ice leaving the other two ships behind
 so ends this day on board

Lat 54.20 Course Tuesday May 3rd 1859 Remarks on board
 This day comes in fine weather three sails
 in sight the Minerva and us steered in to
 the ice making a course about N. by E. 18 miles
 70 or 80 miles running through some clear patches
 of clear water at 6 pm came to a large
 place of clear water here to for the night
 under short sail laying about the Minerva
 head by. Mid part fine lat part cloudy and
 fresh breeze from N. by E. in company with
 the ship Minerva so ends this day on board the Midas