

Bergue Midas of New Bedford Mass

Lat 56.44 Monday May 16th 1859 Remarks on board
This day comes in thick fog light air and baffling
At 3 pm clears up fine light winds from the S.W.
Nothing in sight but one sail ship James Stead ship
S.W. by compass Mid part fine latter part fine run
The ship in to the ice again the ice partly heavy then
Out again ship found in company saw two sails to
Long 153. The northward. of us appeared to be working along
The edge of the ice so ends the day on board the Midas

Tuesday May 17th 1859 Remarks on board

Lat 57.00 Tuesday May 17th 1859 This day comes in fine and
Pleasant light air from the westward ship working along the
Edge of the ice making the best of our way to the land
Ground ship James in company saw 3 ships working to
the westward Mid part thick fog latter part fine 3 sails
In sight two of them working to the S.W.
Long 151.38 Sea are working to the S.E. ships James in company
We have been expecting to see whales in this latitude and
Longitude but have not seen them to day

Wednesday May 18th 1859 Remarks on board

Lat 57.58 This day comes in fine and pleasant kept ship S.E.
Ship James in company at 4 pm saw two ships to the
S.E. of us steering to S.E. the ice is well broken up
And makes along about S.W. seems to be very light
The ice in my opinion is nearly broken up about here
Mid part fine latter part snow storm in company
Long 153. With ship James and James they report seeing several
Whales struck and lost also report four ships one
Whale a piece so ends this day

Cruising in ochreots sea. J. A. Falkman Master 1855

Long 58. Thursday May 19th 1859 Remarks on board Midas
thick snow and fog in company with James
Jennett. Saw 6 sails to day Mid part moderate and
thick latter part fresh breeze and clear 8 sails in
sight at 4 am made cape. 45 miles S.W.
Ships all laying beating and filling around the ice
the ice makes from shore about 1.5 miles but considerably
Long 151.15 Broken up and extends from S.W. to S.E. along shore
The ships all appear to be trying to get to the eastward
And I suspect there is where we want to go to
When the spirit moves us and the ice moves

Friday May 20th 1859 Remarks on board Midas

Long This day comes in thick fog by spells ship laying off and
On around the ice all ships in sight cutting the same game
Mid part thick fog latter part clear 7 sails in sight
4 of them went in to the ice with the intention of
Long going around Cape Oliver it being 11.40 3.5 miles
Spoke ship Cincinnati of Stonington capt. Williams
Strong breeze from S.W. so ends the day Midas

Saturday May 21st 1859 Remarks on board

Lat 58.00 This day comes in strong breeze from S.W. in company
with ship Cincinnati of Stonington clear this season
Double reef the topsail head in shore Mid part
thick latter part moderate gale from S.W. 4 sails in sight
Long 151.38 Some heading one way and some the other ship at the
passed near by us ends of thick and snowing
Saw bowhead Island and Cape Oliver 10 miles S.