Barque Midas of New Bedford Mayo

Friday June 5th 1859 Remarks on board Midas

This day comes in fine ship running for Fabious Island At 1 pm hauled to by the wind head S.S.E. bowhead Island bearing S.E by compass 18 or 25 miles at 3 pm Shut in thick fog wore ship head to the westward ship Bump now and then thumping the ice prety hard but The midas is good for hard knocks Mid part ... Thick fog thumping along through the ice to no small rate. Latter part fine and clear light airs from S.W one sail in sight Saw 4 whales going fast to the eastward so ends this day

Saturday June 6th 1859 Remarks on board Midas

These 24 hours commences with fine Weather Light Airs from S.S.W Skew Ship in to the ice for Fabious Island At 5 pm Fabious island bore E.S.E. 14 miles at the same Time Shut in thick fog run ship untill we called Fabious Island bore E.N.E 3 miles fired two guns set the mainspencer On fire succeeded in putting out the fire saw 3 or 4 whales in the ice near by left to head S.S.E head yards aback. Mid Part came to anchor in 21 fathoms of water 40 fathoms chain Latter part all four boats of looking around among the ice So ends the day on board of the good B.K. Midas

Set boiler fire by gun fire

Sunday June 5th 1859 Remarks on board Midas

This day comes in thick all 4 boats of in Shore at 5 pm Waste and bow boat came on board Larboard and Stabboard boats remained on Fabious Island through the night Mid part thick fog latter part the same All 4 boats of saw some 5 or 6 whales saw nothing more of note So ends the day

Cruising S. Fanner Bay of R Tallman Master 1859

Monday June 6th 1859 Remarks

This day comes in thick fog all boats of looking for whales saw 4 or 5 at 7 pm all 4 boats came on board for the night Mid part thick fog latter part clear up some 4 sails in sight at 8 am a larg field of ice came a thumping and dragged the ship along smartly to the N by W 45 fathoms Chain ahead saw nothing did not lower attall the ice is in one sollid body from 1 to 3 miles each way Fabious Island E.N.E 4 miles so ends this day on board the midas

Tuesday June 7th 1859 Remarks

This day comes in fine clear and pleasant. weather 4 sails In Sight our ship in the ice drifting along to the W.N.W in the tide at 7 pm dobey town beach N.W. 4 miles ship is now in 11 fathoms of water Mid part thick latter part Clear ships still in the same field of ice the boats of a On a cruise bent the main royal and repaired the manispencer Saw the Maria Theresa take a whale alongside so ends the Day on board of the Ship Midas

Wednesday June 8th 1859 Remarks on board

This day comes in thick the boats still of on a cruise Mid part thick latter part much the same boats still of of So ends this day nothing more of note