

Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Commences with light  
airs from S.W. and a wet snow storm, steering  
N in company with ship Empire, through  
light scattering ice, in the morning saw a ship  
to the N.E. of us, latter part of the day light airs  
from W. and the sun shone warmly, steering N.W.  
slowly forcing our ship through thin ice but  
to make quite close to weather, spoke the Empire,  
in the ice, At 6 P.M. light airs from W.N.W. and snowing,  
I shall shorten sail for the night

Saturday  
Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> Lat N by obs 53, 12 Long E by our Chron 150, 54  
Long by Empires Chronometer 150, 00

First part of the day fresh breeze  
from N. beating to the N.W. carrying all sail,  
At 3 P.M. or last night we came in to clear  
water, At 6 in the morning we came to fields  
of ice and clear water, ice rather light. In  
the fore noon saw 2 sail to the S.W. of us, this  
after noon I went onboard the Empire, At 9  
P.M. shortened sail

Lat N by Nect 53, 40 Long E by Nect 150, 30  
Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fresh wind  
from N.N.E. and a heavy wet snow, heading N.W.  
& N.W., carrying whole topsails & courses, ice  
thick and growing more heavy as we go to the  
W. here and there a strip of clear water, we  
find a strong current setting us to the S.W.  
At 12 M we came in to a clear strip of  
water, Capt Russell came onboard and spent  
the after noon, At 1 P.M. wind shifted to N.W. and  
blow fresh, backed ship and stood to the N.N.E.  
in the ice, weather clear and very cold, it will be

A very cold night, At 6 P.M. we came in  
to a spot of clear water then Capt Russell  
went onboard his ship, I am glad of our potatoes  
and pumpkins & freezing.

Lat N by obs 53, 37 Long E by Ch 149, 15  
Long by Empires Chronometer 148, 30

Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> First part of the day strong  
wind from W. and clear and very cold, freezing  
clear weather, in the morning saw some clear  
water but mostly ice as far as we can see  
carrying double reefed topsails, heading N.W.  
and making a N.E. by E. course, latter part  
wind moderated and veered to N.W. heading N  
& E, set the courses and let the reef out  
of the topsails, Empire close by, spoke her  
ice grows heavier and no clear water in sight  
saw a gang of grasshoppers in a hole close  
by the ship, Steward off duty with the galley  
Lat N by obs 54, 05 Long E by Ch 149, 40

Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> Strong wind from W. and cold  
clear weather, heading N to N.W. carrying reef  
topsails, in the morning saw some spots of  
clear water and new ice made in it last  
night 2 inches thick, in the after noon got  
in to big cakes of ice and close to weather,  
ice very close as far as we can see from the  
mast head, I went on board the Empire and  
spent the day, at night Capt Ellsberg came  
on board with me and part of his crew came  
on board of us

Lat N by obs 54, 20 Long by Nect 150, 30