

From Hongkong Towards the Arctic, D. 1851

Sunday April the 6th

Commences with a strong gale from the W & W, and very rugged weather, the ship under Double reefed main top sail & close reefed fore top sail & fore sail steering S. N. E., the middle part the wind more moderate from the S. W., set the top sail Double reefed & set the jib & main sail, the latter part light breeze & cloudy with a large swell from the Westward which makes the ship roll very bad, at 11 P.M. set one reef out of the top sails to steady the ship.

Lat by Chron 38.03 North, Long by Ac 161.00 East

Monday April the 7th

Commences with a light breeze from the S. W. and the weather cool & cloudy, attended with a bad swell from the West the ship heading to the S. W. under single reefed top sail, jib & courses the middle part a light air and bad sea, at 3 P.M. the breeze sprang up from the West, set the reefs out of the top sails & set the main top gallant sail, and kept the ship North, at 7.30 A.M. took a severe squall from the S. W., & furlled the main top gallant sail, clewed down the top sails & furlled the jib, at 8.30 Double reefed the top sails & set them heading S. W., Ends with a strong breeze from the S. W., saw a school of Black Fish, but too rugged to lower the boats for them, Lat by Chron 38.50 North Long by Ac 161.54 East

Tuesday April the 8th

Commences with a strong breeze from the S. W. and fair weather, ship by the wind heading S. W. at 3 P.M. more moderate and the wind veering to the Westward, set the reefs out of the top sails & set the main top gallant sail, at 8 P.M. kept the ship S. by W. with an increasing breeze from the S. W. from 10 to 12 P.M. furlled the main top gallant sail & Double reefed the top sails & furlled the jib & main sail, the latter part strong gales with occasional rain squalls, at 12 M. huffed up S. W.

Lat by Chron 40.48 North Long by Ac 161.40 East

Wednesday April the 9th

These twenty four hours commence with a brisk gale from the S. W. with frequent squalls of rain the ship with Double reefed top sails set steering S. N. W. at 10 P.M. the wind changed to the North in a squall with thunder & lightning & at 11 P.M. increasing gales & took in the fore & mizen top sail & hove too heading S. N. E., the latter part strong gales with clear cold weather

Lat by Chron 41.43 North Long by Chron 162.15 East

From Hongkong Towards the Arctic Ocean

Thursday April the 10th 1851

Commences with a fresh gale from the North, and the weather clear & cool the ship lying too heading S. N. E. at 4 P.M. calm & pleasant, at 10 P.M. took a breeze from the South & set all sail steering S. N. W. at 2 P.M. strong breeze & furlled the mizen top gallant sail & at 6 furlled the fore top gallant sail at 11 P.M. strong gales with rain & Double reefed the fore & mizen top sails.

Lat by Ac 43.05 North Long by Ac 162.10 East

Friday April the 11th

Commences with strong gales from the South with rain, ship under prudent sail steering S. N. W. at 6 P.M. the wind changed to the S. W., braced the yards heading S. N. E. and Double the main top sail, from 8 to 12 M. S. A thick snow storm at 1 P.M. took in the fore & mizen top sails, the latter part a heavy gale from the S. W. & very cold weather, the rigging & sails covered with ice & snow Temperature of the air 32°, barometer standing at 29 1/2.

Lat by Ac 43.40 North Long by Ac 162.30 East

Saturday April the 12th

Commences with a heavy gale from the S. W. attended with cold & cloudy weather, the ship lying too heading S. N. E. at 4 P.M. increasing gales, and furlled the fore sail & close reefed the main top sail, the middle & latter part strong gales with occasional hail squalls

Lat by Chron 44.57 North Long by Chron 163.00 East

Sunday April the 13th

Commences with a strong gale from the S. W. attended with cold rugged weather the ship lying too heading S. N. E. at 6 P.M. more moderate & set the fore sail & fore & mizen top sails close reefed, through the night strong gales with frequent squalls of hail & snow, at 9 P.M. the wind hauled to the S. E. some time more ship to the S. W. & set Double reefed top sails, jib and main sail, and at 12 M. increasing gales and furlled the jib and main sail, Lat by Ac 45.45 North, Long by Ac 163.10 East

Monday April the 14th Commences with a strong gale from the S. E. attended with frequent squalls of hail & snow ship under Double reefed top sails heading S. W. by S. at 11 P.M. the wind hauled to the S. N. W. and veered ship to the S. E. at day light more moderate & set the jib and main sail, the latter part fresh gales with clear cold weather

Lat by Chron 45.57 North, Long by Chron 163.36 East