

From Hong Kong Towards the Arctic Ocean, 1851

Tuesday April the 15th

Commences with a fresh breeze from the N.W. with clear cold weather, from 3 to 5 P.M. calm and pleasant at 5 P.M. took a breeze from the S.E. & kept the ship N.W. and set the main top gallant sail, at 10 P.M. increasing gales and a thick snow storm, same time furled the main top gallant sail & at 11.30 P.M. took in the fore & mizen top sails, at 6 A.M. the wind veered to the West with a turbulent sea, the latter part the gale moderating with clear freezing weather
Lat by Alm 47.30 North, Long by Chron 163.25 East

Wednesday April the 16th

Commences with a strong gale from the N.W. with clear cold weather, at 2 P.M. more moderate and set the fore & mizen top sails, double reefed, at 4 P.M. the gale increasing from the North attended with snow, ship heading E.N.E. at 5 P.M. furled the fore & mizen top sails & close reefed the main top sail & furled the fore sail, at 6 P.M. split the fore top mast stay sail & furled it the middle & latter part the gale more moderate with rugged freezing weather Lat by Alm 47.14 North Long by Chron 163.58 East

Thursday April the 17th

A continuation of adverse gales from the North, attended with cold rugged weather, the ship lying too under close reefed main top sail heading E.N.E. at 6 A.M. set the top sails jib & courses and at 8 more ship to the N.W. and set main top gallant sail, Eases calm & pleasant, mast heads well mended but nothing in sight
Lat by Alm 47.00 North, Long by Chron 163.05 East

Friday April the 18th

The first part of these twenty four hours calm & pleasant, at 4 P.M. took a light breeze from the South kept the ship N.W. & set all sail, at 6 P.M. increasing breezes from the S.E. & cloudy same time kept the ship N.W. through the night brisk breezes, at 2 A.M. commenced snowing, at 6 A.M. furled the fore & mizen top gallant sails, at 10 increasing gales and a thick snow storm same time, furled the main top gallant sail, & double reefed the fore & mizen top sails.
Lat by Alm 48.30 North Long by Chron 163.00 East

19 March, from Warren R.I.

Remarks On Board

Saturday April the 19th

Commences with a fresh gale from the S.E. attended with a thick snow storm, the ship with all present sail set steering S by W. at 6 P.M. double reefed the main top sail, through the night the wind veering gradually to the Northward, & the barometer falling with a very thick snow storm, from 4 to 12 A.M. furled the fore & mizen top sails and close reefed the main top sail, at 6 A.M. increasing gales from the N.W. and wore ship to the N.E., the latter part strong gales with a cold snow storm
Lat by Alm 48.20 North, Long by Alm 162.50 East

Sunday April the 20th

Commences with a heavy gale from the N.W. attended with a cold drifting snow storm, ship lying too heading to the North at 1 P.M. blowing a heavy gale with a turbulent sea and took in the fore sail, & in taking the starboard boat on the upper crane, the after crane gave way & the gages parted, & lost the boat & set of oars lost, Dr. Samuel Wood was in the boat at the time but fortunately he caught the ship & got on board again, the middle part blowing very heavy with a tremendous large sea & ice making over the rigging and on deck at 3.30 A.M. shipped a large sea which took the starboard boat blowing part of her over the ship, & staving the bow & waist boats so badly that they cannot be repaired, called all hands and saved as much of them as possible, the latter part the gale abating but still blowing heavy with a turbulent sea, the decks & rigging covered with ice
Lat by Alm 49.35 North Long by Alm 163.25 East

Monday April the 21st

Commences with a heavy gale from the N.W. with cold freezing weather & a turbulent sea, the ship lying too heading to the Northward under close reefed main top sail & fore top mast stay sail, the middle part more moderate with cold cloudy weather at 3 A.M. the wind changed to the S.W. and began to snow, the air some warmer & the ice melting about the rigging & deck, at 5 A.M. pumped ship with 175 strokes the past 24 hours, at 7.30 took in the bow & waist boats, but they are badly stoven, at 8 A.M. reefed the main top sail over and headed up heading N.W. by W. at 11 cloudy without any snow
Lat by indiffernt Alm 50.10 North Long by Alm 163.55 East

Tuesday April the 22nd Commences with strong gales from the S.W. and rugged weather, the Capt & Surgeon employed mending the boats, ship lying too heading N.W. the middle part moderate gales with a thick snow storm, at 12 M the bow had a letter of frigs but they froze to death before day light at 3 A.M. the wind changed to the N.W. & commenced blowing a strong gale with snow & rugged weather, all the latter part strong gales frequent snow squalls & extremely cold
North Lat by Alm 50.57 East Long by Alm 164.25