

From Hong Kong Towards the Arctic, in April 1851

Wednesday April the 23rd

Continues to blow a gale from the S.W. with cold & rugged weather & frequent squalls of snow. the Ship lying too heading to the S.E. the middle part strong breeze and fair weather the latter part a moderate breeze from the West and cold Employed repairing the boats, nothing in sight from afloat
Lat by Obs 51.10 North Long by Acc 164.35 East

Thursday April the 24th

Commences with a moderate breeze from West and cold pleasant weather, Ship lying under short sail heading to the Northward all the mechanics Employed on the boats the middle part a strong gale from the W.S.W. with some rain the latter part moderate & fair, Employed mending the boats
Lat by Obs 51.21 North Long by Acc 164.36 East

Friday April the 25th

Commences with a moderate breeze from the W.S.W. with fair weather. Employed mending the boats at 12 M the wind hauled to the E.S.E. and commenced blowing a gale with rain the barometer falling fast the latter part blowing a strong gale & hauling gradually to the South with rain & snow
Lat by Acc 51.20 North Long by Acc 164.20 East

Saturday April the 26th

This 24 hours commence with a strong gale from the S.E. veering gradually to the Southward the Ship lying too under close reefed main top sail and fore top mast stay sail heading to the S.W. the barometer standing at 28 & much lower than it has been the voyage at 1 P.M. bared down the hatches and lashed up for a heavy gale, at 2 P.M. the wind veered to the S.W. with increasing gales at 4 blowing heavy from W.S.W. at 8 P.M. blowing a Hurricane some time the parcel stop parted to the main top sail yard called all hands and took in the fore topmast stay sail and main top sail and secured the yard, through the night blowing a tremendous gale with a turbulent sea, the Ship labouring hard at 6 A.M. tried the pump & freed her in 30 minutes, the latter part as the middle with heavy squalls & snow, barometer standing at 28 five tenths
Lat by Acc 51.40 North Long by Acc 164.41 East

Sunday April the 27th

Commences with a heavy gale from the S.W. and a turbulent sea, and occasional heavy squalls with snow, the Ship lying too under bare poles, heading up W.S.W. & off S.W. by S. through the night the gale abating with clear cold weather the latter part strong gale from the W.S.W. & rugged
Lat by Obs 52.33 Long by Chron 165.40 East

Monday April the 28th

Commences with a strong gale from the W.S.W. and clear rugged weather, the Ship lying too heading to the S.W. the barometer at 28 and rising, through the night more moderate, and at 7 A.M. set the main top sail close reefed and set the fore sail & fore top mast stay sail, Employed repairing the boats the latter part a moderate breeze the S.W. and cloudy
Lat by Obs 52.45 North Long by Acc 165.50 East

Tuesday April the 29th

The first part of these 24 hours a light breeze from the S.W. & cold cloudy weather, the Ship under short sail heading to the W.S.W. the middle part the wind veering to the East, at 3 P.M. increasing gales & at 5 took in the fore sail & fore topmast stay sail & main top sail, the latter part a heavy gale from the E.S.E. with snow & a turbulent sea, the Ship heading to the S.E.
Lat by Acc 52.30 North Long by Acc 165.45 East

Wednesday April the 30th

Commences with a heavy gale from the E.N.E. attended with snow & a turbulent sea the Ship lying under bare poles heading to the S.E. through the night the gale moderating and hauling to the Northward, at 5 A.M. wore ship to the N.W. and at 7 set the main top sail close reefed & set the fore sail and fore top mast stay sail, the latter part a brisk gale from the S.W. with rugged heavy weather, at 10 A.M. finished repairing the bow & main top boats
Lat by Obs 52.40 North Long by Acc 165.20 East

Thursday the 1st of May, 1851

Commences with a brisk gale from the N.N.E. & rugged heavy weather, Ship lying too heading to the S.W. the middle part more moderate & cloudy, it began to snow at 9 A.M. set the fore top sail double reefed & set the jib & let one reef out of the main top sail, at 11 increasing gales & took in the jib & fore top sail, Ends with a strong gale from the N.N.E. attended with a thick snow storm, the barometer standing at 28 & 1/2
Lat by Acc 53.00 North Long by Acc 166.35 East