

BABOO



HMS Assistance, formerly Baboo, in ice
By Thomas Sewell Robins 1853
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HMS Assistance, formerly Baboo, breaking through the ice

Barque, 423 tons Old Measure, 115'7" long; 28'5" wide at her broadest point and 5'8" 'tween decks
Built 1835 at Howrah, India, owned by T Kincaid, Greenock
Master: Charles Barker

London August 28, 1848 to Adelaide December 5, 1848 – 99 days at sea

In 1850 the Royal Navy purchased the *Baboo*, fitted her out for Arctic expeditions, and renamed her *Assistance*. She joined Horatio Austin's search for Sir John Franklin's expedition that was searching for a North West Passage.