

Barth. Cornelia of A Bedford off Comoro Islands
Tuesday August 7th 1849

These 24 hours light breeze, and clear. Wind from S.W.
Course from S.E. W. to S.E. E.

At 10 AM repairing the chafing gear ^{returning}
up rigging etc. Turning in the fore
rigging saw fin back lat 11.6 but lat 10.12 South
lat 43.55 E lat 44.30 East.

Wednesday August 8th 1849

Small breeze and very fine clear weather.

Wind S.E. Course S.E. W. Variation 14°
P.M. Sailing up and turning in the fore rigging.

Crew making buckets. The Captain making
whale bone jig tackle blocks to go to the boat
etc. etc. Turning in and sailing up the fore
rigging. At 8 AM saw a sail to the Southward
at 10 the Island of Comoro bears West
distant 50 miles Lat 10.46 South
Lon 43.46 East

Thursday August 9th 49

These 24 hours small breezes and clear weather

Wind from S.E. to South South Course north
P.M. At work on the fore shrouds a seizing
them of at 2 o'clock came up with the above
mentioned sail and spoke her as she proved
to be an English whaling ship the
captain came on board of us and our mate
went on board of the English ship.

It was the ship of London Captain Simon
with 800 bbls of sperm oil 2 months out of 556
tons burthen and stows about 3200 hundred
barrels and is manned by 36 men and sometimes 2 women.
She was formerly a man of war but has
been cut down. Decks 22 feet of water on board.
And has five boats on the cranes.
We were informed by the boatsteerer boat
steerer that the Captain continued

Cornelia of A Bedford of Comoro Islands

They came directly from London to
make ^{the Captain} and get married to a french
girl himself a man about 50 years
old and took her to sea with him
also a girl to attend his wife when
they were about 6 months out the
midwife gave birth to a boy and the
boy Captain's wife ^{was} pregnant so
the captain went in port and left
them and that the captain's wife
was on board most of the time
etc. At work on the fore rigging

Friday August 10th 49

First part of these 24 hours squally
and cloudy. Last part small breeze and fine
P.M. At work on the fore rigging
At 10 AM caught a porpoise lapping of the
fore shrouds

Saturday August 11th 49

First part of these 24 hours rainy variable
winds through the day. Last part fine clear weather
P.M. Sailing up the fore top gallant back
stays and capping and seizing the fore
shrouds etc. broke out for water and bread
also at work seizing of the fore rigging.

Lat 9.40 South

Sunday August 12th 49

These 24 hours fresh breezes P.M. finished sailing
the fore rigging etc. the Sabbath. Well cloudy
etc. clear weather At 10 AM got a better observation
by measuring the distance of the Sun lat 9.18 North
from the moon at 10 AM in sight Lat 43.46 East.