

From Madagascar to the Cape of Good Hope
Sunday Ship St Peter Sunday March 10th 1850
The wind began to decrease about 10 o'clock morning and continued to do so till noon blowing only a light breeze during the forenoon from N.W. course East the Ship rolling badly from the effects of the late storm. The weather rather hazy. Made all sail steering for the Sea Shell Whaling ground

Monday 11th Feb 1850
Wind light from the Nod and East course No till noon when we tacked ship and stood Nod and East having a head wind. Rather hazy to day a very little rain just before dinner Broke out water from fore hatches and stowed away things between decks every thing had got loose during the storm Casks Riggings

Tuesday Feb 12th 1850
Lowered for Black Fish before Breakfast and came back as usual without any fish. The weather very pleasant with a light wind to go East course E by N on the Wind Lat 20° 54' Lon 52° 58' E

Wednesday Feb 13th 1850
The weather very pleasant wind light and variable from S.W. & East Cleaned fore chains on the Starboard side Lat 19° 34' Lon 52° 58' E

Thursday Feb 14th 1850
Have got a whole breeze to day from E by N East course N.E. The weather very pleasant Cleaned and painted chains again to day In the afternoon altered our course N.E. East Lat 18° 33' Lon 57° 25'

Friday Feb 15th 1850
The first part of the day cloudy with sharp lightning. The wind freshened blowing from E by N course N.E. Cleaned the Starboard Chain and anchors painted. Small showers of rain Lat 16° 13'

Saturday Feb 16
In the morning there was heavy showers of rain accompanied with sharp lightning and squalls of wind. Forenoon pleasant with wind to go East course N.E. At 12 we saw a blow off the weather. Bow. The boats were ordered to be got ready and at 12 lowered away pulling a long stretch clear of the windward after a large school of Cows and Calves. We got close to them and galloped them. Presently a large school of Bulls broke water as far as we could see to leeward. Pulled for 3 hours hard as we could to it the whales going eyes out sometimes breaching and all the while spouting making the water look white all around. They would keep about 3 ships length off and catching was out of the question. Almost sundown our Boat got close to them and pulled with all our might till we got within 100 yds length when he rounded up and changed his shape and when he went we then returned to the ship with a small school of them.

Ship St Peter Sunday March 11th 1850 Lat 13.15
The day is very pleasant with light winds from Eastward course N.E. saw 10 Black fish at 11 o'clock. The weather is very warm and sultry 5 Kobs Out Monday Feb 18th

Light winds and course as yesterday. The steward was put in the rigging and got half a dozen fish. The wind died away to a calm. Stowed straps for main brace left and fore drape Tuesday Feb 19th

Nothing but a long regular swell is on to day. The weather is very warm and sultry. Hunted rope yards &c. Saw one of those Muttons often seen at sea. Thought we saw Lang but proved to be Cape Fly away Wednesday 20th

This morning a light wind sprang up from the East but soon died away leaving us with scarcely a breath of air. The light winds of the last few days has caused the swell to almost disappear leaving the ship almost motionless and the sea looks like a vast mirror as far as the eye can reach. To day L. C. Goodwin was put to the wheel for disobeying the order of G. Wood how long for is not decided Thursday 21st 1850

In the morning rattled down rigging in the forenoon got up an old Nipon Top Sallant Sail and mended it. There is scarcely a breath of air. Tiding course N.E. by E. In the afternoon bent Nipon Top Sail and got up old Jib for mending Friday 22nd

Very light winds and variable. There has been for several days a very swift current at times setting westward accompanied with sharp quick seas and waves like waves dashing on a beach. Mended old Jib in forenoon. Afternoon finished mending Jib and sent it. While mending the Jib a school of Porpoises came along and the Mate struck one from the Starboard but she soon drew and he was so near dead that she floated around the ship. Lowered Starboard Boat and picked him up. While we was out a large Tiger Shark came around. Brought the Porpoise to the ship and chased the Shark. Put 2 Irons in him took him aboard and skinned him. His skin is used for the same purpose as Land paper Saturday 23rd

To day is like the rest with light winds and currents. A breeze sprang up from N.W. with a small shower of rain after which it again became Sunday 24th

Strong currents setting westward with heavy rips which cause a heavy swell. The current can be heard from 5 to 6 miles