

Ship St Peter March 25th 1850
This morning a light wind sprang up from E & hauld
East-staring N by East 2 sails astern. A heavy shower of rain 3 P.M.

Tuesday March 26th
We have a good breeze to day from N. to East standing close by
by the wind N West bending N by E set up 3 by 6 sails. In the afternoon
the weather was rather cloudy with the wind freshening somewhat.

Wednesday March 27th 1850
The day began with heavy squalls from the So East accompanied with
sharp lightning. The rest of the day fair the wind hazy everywhere.
At night the weather cleared up and became pleasant. Mailed a doublet.

Thursday March 28th 1850
A very pleasant day with a fresh wind from So East course to East
sighted Seal Island early this morning one of the African Islands. It is
course to keep off N.W. by E. In the afternoon sighted Russian
Islands. Got to the windward wind fresh course to N West & west
got 2 seals 1 seal & 1 spot from dog's list.

Friday March 29th
A good breeze from E to East course N. to W till 9. A.K. then hauld
hid to the wind course N.E. Saw a beach to day. A broke out between
beaks and got out caiks of sails. Bent an old top Gallant sail
Saw a sail ahead towards night. Night very pleasant with a full moon.

Saturday March 30th
Winds light and variable standing East. Saw a Seal off the
Toward night the weather became hazy the wind freshening
Sat 3:15

The first part of the day heavy squalls accompanied with sharp
lightning and heavy thunder. Parted fore top gallant hauld
The forenoon cloudy and very calm Sat 3:40 Saw several Pinbacks
During the squalls in the night I think I never saw the lightning
so sharp or play so fearfully. The clouds appeared to be of a light
blaze all the time and the forked lightning hissing and boiling
as it struck the water rendered the scene not only awe inspiring in
the highest degree but to those who have such scenes it is a time
interesting in the extreme. When we parted the hauld
I went into the top to splice them but they getting wet. What came to
assist me and we could see the lightning clearly portayed in each other
flashes and on our hands as if to send its indelible mark there. Then came
the rolling thunder like the fierce roaring of an enraged sea when lashed
in a rage its deep roarings echoing from wave to wave causing our ship to
tremble from her main royal deck to her keelson. But this is nothing as compared
paper over the deep roaring thunder ~~from~~ dies away in the distance and all
is forgotten. The wind dies away and all is again calm. The silver moon
in the sky shone as lovely and shines as clearly as if nothing had happened.
The morning no sighted by boat again bearing to E distant about 83 miles
Seals, Adieu skutton, Birds can be seen in any quantities around the
ship. And now and then the water will be lashed in about by the jumping

Ship St Peter Wednesday April 11th 1850
The weather is cloudy and the night was a little day we are 8 months out
Took the Ship the sea. Came aboard at 3 P.M.
The is 24 miles out from the 85 N. P.M. The rider came aboard pretty well drunk.

Thursday April 12th
The weather is pleasant with light winds from the East heading South
It is the same here all the time pleasant weather and light winds
standing backwards and forward one way and then the other.
Hardly any thing to do except break out for meat or water which we do
about once a week. There is nothing to break the dull monotony of a Cruise.

Friday April 13th
Almost a calm. Weather very pleasant but warm and sultry. We could
just see the top of Baker's Islands in the distance looking like a cloud.

Saturday April 14th
The wind light from N.E. Made Sonnets from the E distant 3 miles. Stowed down
oil under main & topsails. The oil turned out 65 lbs. No red stoned sailboard size changed.

Sunday April 15th
The wind fresh from N.W. standing East. I M Tacked ship several times during the day.
Last night we thought that Carter would not live. So day he is a little better.

Monday April 16th
A pleasant breeze from So East standing East. Saw a topsail schooner
on the weather beam. Our sick ones are better to day. Pussan returned to duty.
My topsail schooner turned into the Big Columbus of New London.
My Joseph Andrews Master. It was out 3 P.M. They came aboard at 11.

Tuesday April 17th
In the morning the wind was fresh. In the afternoon it died away and
was almost calm. The whole group of Seachells is in sight. Basils 2 in
bearing S West we are beating to go to the windward of them but the current carries us
off and we gain but little. Got up the foremast and girth hook put on new straps.

Wednesday April 18th
It is calm and the big blue Ocean's bosom is as smooth as the top of a lake.
That stretches among fair New England's hills reflecting even the smallest end
in our rigging. As far as the eye can stretch nothing is to be seen but the blue
expanse of water spreading itself from life to life always exciting wonder and admiration.

Thursday April 19th
During the forenoon a light breeze sprang up from the So East standing So West.
Almost numberless Pinbacks can be seen blowing and beaching in all directions.
Finished sails and commenced turning a few. Got up guttock shrouds
Saw the Big Columbus making for Basils to take in water.

Friday April 20th
Light wind from So East by a standing East. To sailing Linnel and turning
is the order of the day. Drapping fullcock shrouds to main top galley in ahead
about 7 o'clock. The evening I killed a sperm whale while standing
at the wheel. Dressed & salted the boat. Diced but missed him. The Moon
was full and the evening was light and beautiful as heart could wish.

Saturday April 21th
The wind fresh from So to East course So West at 11. Tacked and stood
East N.E. East just after the watch had turned below after dinner the main
at the masthead swung out. There she whiterated and presently there she blew
but it was nothing but a large Sulphur bottom. He came within 3 ships length of us.

Sunday April 22th 1850
The wind is pretty fresh and variable with frequent squalls. Spiking new parts is
the order of the day in the forenoon. In the afternoon the wind continued
to freshen and at night we were obliged to take in top gallant sails
with double reef top sails. At night wind had fallen to a gentle breeze.

Monday April 23th 1850
In the morning the wind was light. Mailed a school of whales at 9 past 7. Mailed
about 1000 lbs of blubber and chased full of blubber. It was a good day
for the crew. At 5 and returned at 9 in the evening with the crew
and a school of whales.