

Ship G. Peter Tuesday Aug 21st 1850
The weather pleasant with a good fresh breeze from S by East standing
backward and forward between Linn and Bird Island. We
take it all together it is all we do from one month end to another
repaired the waist boat which had been stove a little in the bow
and some of her planks were started so that she leaked badly. In the evening
Carr taken with almost distressing pain in the stomach with spells of fainting.

Wednesday Aug 22nd
The wind light from S by E standing S by W weather very pleasant. In
the evening of last evening continued nearly all night with a most distressing
pain but this morning felt rather better after taking some pepper tea.
In the afternoon the wind freshened but lulled again at sundown.

Thursday Aug 23rd
The weather pleasant with light winds from S by E. Steering S by W.
Broke out water from fore hatches. The old Brig 12 miles to windward.
I returned to duty again to day feeling some better although not well.

Friday Aug 24th
The wind light from S by E steering S by W. Stowed down
oil in the main hatches. The old Brig just to windward.
Whaler is just on our lee bow.

Saturday Aug 25th
Glad to see with pleasant weather and a good breeze from S by E. In
the forenoon stowed E by S. Afternoon S by W. Just sundown
struck a large Cow fish from the masthead that would weigh 300. And got

Sunday Aug 26th 1850
The weather pleasant with a fresh breeze from S by East. Steering E by South.
A heavy swell is on so we pitch and roll considerably. About 11
A.M. raised a school of sperm whales and although it was Sunday
lowered and struck 4 good sized Cows. Little did I think 8 months
ago that my 25th birth day would find me pulling for Whales. Cut in

Monday Aug 27th
The wind fresh from the Southward and Eastward. Cut the sheet S by W. In
the forenoon in the afternoon started the works. Cut up all but the sheet.

Tuesday Aug 28th
In the forenoon the weather calm and pleasant. In the afternoon it
came on cloudy and in the 1st watch that we had to cool down the works.

Wednesday Aug 29th
The weather cloudy and the wind light. In the afternoon opened heads and
and bailed case and cut up the junk. At night wind freshened looked like rain.

Thursday Aug 30th
The wind quite fresh. Weather cloudy. Finished lying out early in the morning.
I drew a Pith in the forenoon and cleaned up Deckhouse &c &c.

Friday Aug 31st
In the afternoon the weather cleared up and was pleasant.

Broke out water from fore hatches and empty casks from main hatches and
coopered them. Cleaned out by 10 p.m. Weather pleasant with a fresh wind S by E.
We caught 2 very large Calappa just before supper. Calappa soup tomorrow.
This month has been very prosperous having taken near 150 bl of sperm oil.
There is now about 400 all told. Alpacose Whippack Flying fish Kingfish
Guadfish Porpoises Blackfish Horsefish Diamondfish Tiger Shark
Round Bone Shark Dolphin Right Fin Hammerhead Shark
Saffronfin Killer Humpback

Ship G. Peter Saturday June 1st 1850
Flowed down 11 bl of oil under the main hatches. Flowed part of the top
tick. The wind fresh from S by E. Sailed the Island early in the morning at 9.21.
Sunday June 2nd

Weather pleasant with a fresh wind S by E. Steering S by E. Got all sail again
beating to windward of the Islands having drifted to leeward while taking in oil.
At 10 in the evening made and hove to off Frigate Island.

Monday June 3rd
In the morning stood in for the Island and the Captain and Ist mate with the
waist boat and crew went ashore for the purpose of getting fruit.

The boat returned at 11 past 11 with a few Cocoa nuts watermelon Plantain
some guinea corn and some other fruit. The season for fruit is about the 1st of August
so we did not obtain much. Sugar cane is cultivated to a considerable extent.
Sugar and R. V. are made here in small quantities. The houses or Kuts are
made of rushes. The Island rises 350 or 300 feet above the sea and is very fertile
along the beach but back of 1/2 of a mile it rises and is rocky and barren.

In the afternoon stood off to windward. Spent 10 o'clock saw Whales breach
ahead. It was not long before whales were all around us in every direction.
Lowered away at 1 past 11 and struck 3 Cows. Starboard boat fastened first.

The whale breaching several times before we could get on. At last we gave him
one iron which had hardly struck him before he rolled and gave us a slip under
the head sheets cracking the jam pine and staving the galboard streak considerably.

The boatsteward was thrown overboard and the rest just saved themselves.
The waist boat fastened just after to another and they were cut all to pieces.
By his head striking him on both sides breaking their gunwale and keel and
staving their planks all up.

Up scarcely keeping their bowsprit. It was now after dark and we came near missing
one of them with the ship. In the mean time the mate had taken one whale and
killed him our boat came aboard. Just after the ship passed the boat we heard
them cry out that they were sunk. We instantly got a boat of the house and
myself and C. Bailey and E. Wood put off for them. Took them aboard with such
things as could be got at and returned to the ship. We then returned again to
look for the whale but to no purpose. Returning to the ship again the

Captain thought it best to go down and lay by the whale that the mate had
killed. Accordingly we got supper and taking grub with us the 2nd mate
Capt. H. H. H. and myself went down. We changed boats with the mate
he went aboard getting to the ship about midnight. Thus ends the day.

Tuesday June 4th
Daylight found us lying by the whale the ship at 8 miles to windward. After
pitching up the starboard boat and dead whale she bore down and we got aboard
at 10 past 11. They had about 1/2 the whale cut in and the starboard boat on the
house which was all to pieces hardly a plank held together. Finished cutting
and started the work at 3 o'clock. The weather pleasant with light winds.

Wednesday June 5th
Considerable rain fell during the forenoon but the afternoon was pleasant.
Light winds all day. At sundown broke our Blubber machine. The old brig
just to windward. Her boat came aboard. She had her boat stove and came after Cows.

Thursday June 6th
Finished tying except a little false and cleaned up Deck. Put sail again
to look for more blackskin. Light wind and pleasant weather.

Friday June 7th
Revised the Starboard boat on deck and repaired her. Tried out the
false. The weather pleasant with a fresh wind steering S by E.