

Ship St Peter. Saturday June 5th 1850 Lat 4th 18
Poured down 50 bbls of oil in the main hold. This finished the main
the weather cloudy with a few showers. A fresh wind from S.W. standing

Sunday June 6th
Had a strong wind from S.W. accompanied with showers steering an Easterly course.
In the afternoon the wind was variable, took several hard squalls & squalls.

Monday June 7th
Though the N.E. end of the Bush steering West at 9 a.m. the course to
N.W. by Port 10 to 12 and at noon to S.W. The wind strong from S.W. &
turned reef out of main topsail and set topgallant sail. Tore up the old West
Boat repaired stags cleaned teeth &c. At sundown took in topgallant.

Tuesday June 8th
In the morning broke out for water in the fore hold. The wind fresh from
S.W. & steering W. Turned reef out of fore topsail set main topgallant sail.
The afternoon was squally. The wind variable. At sundown took in all
sail but close reefed main topsail and fore sail. Took the wheel at dusk.

Wednesday June 9th
Was squally the wind variable running close hauled. Raised a bunch in
the forenoon and although the wind was strong set all sail but it came on
to blow and rain so at noon that we had to double reef topsails. At sundown
took in everything but double reefed topsails and fore sail. Weather both squally.

Thursday June 10th
The wind very strong from S.W. steering S.W. Weather pleasant & warm.
The fore topsail and bent another the old one was much worn and lapping.

Friday June 11th
Heaved up old fore topsail (renewed) & set it. Took up for any part
saw the old Big with the wind. I.P. & steering E by N till noon then tackled
At sundown hauled up the mainsail as a sign for a gun inside the big hole
down and Capt. Andrews spent the evening aboard of us. The wind fresh from

Saturday June 12th
Looks squally. The wind very strong from S.W. steering S.W. During the afternoon
sighted 14 of the Seychell Islands. At sundown the wind lulled but in the night

Sunday June 13th
A good breeze blowing from S.W. steering S.W. Sighted 14 of the Seychell Islands.
In the forenoon at 1 P.M. Made bear W by S distant 13 miles strong
current sets directly in shore. The S.W. trade prevails at this time of the year.

Monday June 14th 8 mnd out
The wind is very light steering West. The weather very pleasant. Set up a new fore
topgallant Bachelay and served it. The old one has putrid twice. During the afternoon
a good breeze sprang up from S.W. At sundown braced back the main yard.

Tuesday June 15th
Nothing blew from S.W. Braced forward at daylight and stood West.
At 8 past 8 raised a bunch of 12 in 12 hours could see spots
about 10 past 10 and at 12 B. Much fifty bbl Bull but the cow showed
showed a white and dark spots. Landed again at 2 and at 4 struck a 10 bbl
Bull. In cutting him in 1/2 male got very bad cut in the head by a
Markit prior. Finished cutting in at 8 in the evening. I.P. it was a 10 bbl.

Wednesday June 16th
Commenced boiling early in the morning. The weather pleasant with light wind.
Strong currents set Westward accompanied with a heavy swell. We are now about
half way between the Seychell and Mascarene Islands. Lat 7th 1' Long 33rd 1'

Thursday June 17th
The morning was rainy but the forenoon pleasant with fresh breeze. Finished boiling
at 3 P.M. Towards night it came on squally. At sundown double reefed
topsails. This fore night 14 of the Seychell and 1 Night. The morning is nearly 70 bbls

Ship St Peter Friday June 21st 1850
Heavy breeze from the S.W. during the morning too several heavy
showers. H. Ferguson is set. Sighted African Islands at 4 P.M. leaving
West. Broke out water between Sacks in the afternoon the weather was cloudy.

Saturday June 22nd
Tacked ship in the morning and stood S.W. Lighted the Island again at
8 A.M. and saw a ship near the shore with all sail full. Thinking she might
be where we were off but it proved to be the George Butler. She had been in port
and was taking in a cargo of Beans for the Mascarene. We stood in and the
Captain and 2nd Mate went aboard. The wind very strong from the Eastward.
The boat crew got treated with a bottle of Rum a dinner of rice and Boobies.
At 2 lashed and stood off steering E. to East. At sundown double reefed topsails.

Sunday June 23rd
At sunrise turned reef out of fore & main topsails and set the main topgallant
sail. The wind fresh from S.W. steering S.W. Wait for the Seychell again to look
for the Basque Bartholomew Lenoir for which we have 80 bbls of Beef and Pick.
She has just returned from Port Dauphin. At 1 altered her course to S.W. East
to S.W. At 2 the wind fresh and steered close hauled. At 4 East. Breeze again at sunset.

Monday June 24th
Steered close hauled to the East the wind strong from S.W. Took up the wheel block
and cleaned the sheaves & hauled the ropes and were then on for one. Weather cloudy.

Tuesday June 25th
Took a very heavy squall of wind and rain at 1 A.M. All hands were at breakfast when
it struck. It was like a hurricane while it lasted. The instant it struck it parted
the main sheet and away went the mainsail cut instantly hauling up the dory gasket
and sometimes saved the sail. The jib sheet parted but a little before and
just pulled it before the squall struck which saved the jib. The weather cloudy and wind
strong from S.W. steering E by N. Broke out off but 1 cask of water from fore hold.
During the afternoon it came on to blow hard and rain. Double reefed topsails
at 3 P.M. Broke out bed and Cook, Tom, after had Cow Island bear 10 miles off.

Wednesday June 26th
The wind lulled towards daylight and the weather cleared up a little. At 6
A.M. raised a whale off the weather bow but at 1 we took a heavy squall and lost
run of them again. At 8 they came back to leeward having been galloped by the ship.
Chased them with the top sail till 10 and then lowered the boats and chased till
2 P.M. the wind rose & fresh squalls following each other in quick succession.
At that time the 1st boat boarded and double reefed main topsail. The other boats
fastened a little for to lower the 2nd again at 8 a heavy sea running and
more squally. At 9 turned up a 10 bbl whale. The 1st Boat after being fast awhile
got capsize and were obliged to cut line losing most of their craft and
9th man and 2 men came near drowning. Their whale came close alongside of the ship
and we lowered it but without success. Picked up the 1st Boat about 7 past 10.
The wind still increasing took in all but double reefed main topsail in the evening.

Thursday June 27th
Out in the whale the wind fell during the night but left a heavy sea on.
Commenced boiling in the afternoon the weather pleasant light winds.

Friday June 28th
Finished boiling at noon. The weather pleasant with light and variable winds.
Steered E by N till sunset then wore ship and headed S.W.

Saturday June 29th
The wind strong from S.W. steering S.W. The weather squally.
Double reefed and tacked ship at sunset standing East. In the
evening the weather cleared up and was pleasant.