

Ship St Peter Wednesday Aug 14th 1852

The wind fresh from N.W. steering N.W. by N. the weather pleasant. Spent out belaying tops and hauled them and made masts for top sail yards. We are now making a passage to the coast. In the afternoon hauled on the main sheet. N.W. by N.

Thursday Aug 15th
In the morning tacked ship and steered S. by E. Fresh weather. Clear out with a fresh breeze from N.W. We are now on the ground that the Montebello took the ponder last night. Made black printer belaying pins turned sheet. Picked masts and the Lattitude 32° 20' N. Clock out beef and pork.

Friday Aug 16th
Took a small early in the morning when the wind immediately changed to N.W. Tacked and stood close hauled. The weather cleared up. The forenoon was cloudy and the wind very light. Filled the scuttle but from a sack on deck. At noon tacked and stood S. by E.

Saturday Aug 17th
Spoke the Ship Milton of Boston for Calcutta at 10 o'clock. 100 days out from here we got news to the effect that the ship had been between Calcutta and Port. The captain forward under topmast & topgallant standing sails and the main topmast topgallant and royal. On the main fore and aft and standing main. A sail main topmast topgallant and royal staysails and a C. reefed sail. The main went aboye. The wind very light steering N.W. by N. Weather cloudy. Toward night the wind freshened and the weather came on equally.

Sunday Aug 18th
Finally with occasional strong and light winds steering N.W. by N. Took in fly jib and the topgallant sail in the morning. In the afternoon the wind was very light. Set the fly jib again but in the evening took a heavy squall and were obliged to put it and the foretopgallant sail. Tacked close hauled N.W. by N. at 10 o'clock.

Monday Aug 19th
Finally the wind was variable from the southward steering close hauled to N.W. The weather continued equally during the day. Spent the forenoon in the forenoon.

Tuesday Aug 20th
A very strong wind blowing from the N.W. by N. attended with frequent squalls of rain. Steered N.W. by N. During the last 24 hours we have made but 3 miles to the westward. There being a heavy head beat sea and an exceedingly strong current setting eastward. Took in fore and main topgallant sails and fly jib. Took in and repaired fly jib gear.

Wednesday Aug 21th
Blew a half gale from the N.W. steering N.W. by N. Put on a pivoter gear and set fly jib and fore topgallant sail. Hauled tops and sails. At noon tacked and stood S. by E. The weather moderated toward night.

Thursday Aug 22th
During the night the wind lulled a little and hauled to S. by E. Steered N.W. by N. Made spungers. Afternoon wind hauled. Spent the forenoon.

Friday Aug 23th
The wind very strong from N.W. steering N.W. by N. At 9 o'clock the wind commenced hauling to westward. In the afternoon the weather came on squally. Picked up the main topgallant sail and the Lattitude 32° 20' N. at 10 o'clock.

Saturday Aug 24th
Weather quite pleasant with a stiff breeze from N.W. Tacked hauled. Spent the forenoon on the house. Tacked at noon and steered S. by E. Was again at sunset and stood the wind course took in the topgallant sail.

Sunday Aug 25th
Clear strong from N.W. steering N.W. by N. Took in the main topgallant sail in the morning but the wind freshened it again and the fly jib. Picked the main topgallant sheet at 2 P.M. Tacked at noon and stood S. by E. again at sunset and stood N.W. by N. The weather pleasant.

Monday Aug 26th
Tacked at 5 in the morning and kept her to the S. and S. a good breeze. S. by E. Sent down the main topgallant sail and mended. Broke out beef and pork. Boat topgallant sail.

Ship St Peter Tuesday Aug 27th off the coast of Africa
The weather pleasant and a good breeze from the N.W. steering N.W. by N. Raised the land at noon and at 2 it was only 6 miles distant. Tacked the fore and main. Sent down the spunkies and mended it. Tacked ship at 2 and steered S. by E. Went the spunkies at 4 bells in the afternoon. In the night the wind freshened and was obliged to take in main topgallant sail & flying jib. Tacked a topgallant.

Wednesday Aug 28th
Tacked ship when the morning watch was called and steered N.W. by N. The wind rather light from N.W. Sent down the foretopgallant lift served the main and sent them up again. At 10 o'clock sent a new boat sail. Made the land at 4 P.M. and tacked standing S. by E. The wind came on to blow very fresh. Toward night and at 8 o'clock the evening passed the flying jib head rope and main topgallant halliards. Took them both in. Tacked the halliards and at 10 o'clock.

Thursday Aug 29th
The wind quite fresh from N.W. steering N.W. by N. At 2 P.M. when we made the land and tacked ship and stood off close hauled. Sent in the fly jib and mended it. Took a piece of white cloth from a cask in the store. Went the flying jib at 4 bells in the afternoon and pulled at. Coming on to blow fresh at sunset took in fore and main topgallant sails. Tacked at 10 o'clock.

Friday Aug 30th
Weather pleasant with strong breeze steering N.W. by N. Set the main topgallant sail and flying jib at 6 bells in the morning. Made main royal backstays from an old eating pennant and put a false sail in the starboard main rigging. Covered the main topmast shrouds to prevent the topgallant yard from chafing when the sail is close reefed. Wind freshening at night took in main topgallant sail and flying jib. Tacked at 10 o'clock.

Saturday Sep 1st
The forenoon cloudy the wind fresh from N.W. by N. Steering S. by E. Tacked standing close hauled under topgallant courses and jib. In the afternoon the wind fell. Hauled out the topgallant and washed clothes. Made the land.

Sunday Sep 2nd
Ship St Peter Sunday September 1st 1852 from the coast to the line. Pleasant weather and light winds from N.W. steering S. by E. Making a passage from the coast to the line ground. Toward night the wind fell to a very light breeze. Set all sails in the forenoon. N.W. by N.

Monday Sep 3rd
The wind continued light from N.W. steering S. by E. Put masts on the fore and main topgallant yards and washed on the rigging taking off and putting on chafe gear. Covered the board. Mended the topgallant shrouds.

Tuesday Sep 4th
Pleasant weather and light breeze steering S. by E. continued. The work on the rigging. Toward night it came on to blow fresh.

Wednesday Sep 5th
In the forenoon the wind was fresh but in the afternoon it fell to a light breeze from the N.W. steering S. by E. Blacksmiths turned and trued in main topmast shrouds. At 10 P.M. In the evening the weather came on cloudy with light showers.

Thursday Sep 6th
The weather cloudy and a strong wind from N.W. steering S. by E. In the morning the wind freshened & pointed forward but fell back at 6 bells. In the afternoon the wind fell. Having a short irregular sea. Took a large cow fish at 4 bells.

Friday Sep 7th
Tacked ship in the morning watch and stood N.W. by N. The wind continued light from the N.W. Tacked again the rigging and hoisted the main topgallant sail. On the passage back to the Boshella came on equally in the evening took in fly jib and main topgallant sail.