

Ship St Peter Friday Sep 27th 1850. Scipius
Morning cloudy with a little rain. The wind variable from S.E.
to N.E. & W. blowing a light breeze. Tacked and stood S by E. 6 bells.
Bent a new tack and shut to the foresail and overhauled old
blocks and cleared them. Rigg'd new shrouds to the main royal mast.
St. P. took a light shower after which there was a good breeze
from the S.E. steering S.W. Tacked at sunset steering E.

Saturday Sep 28th
Striped blocks for mizen topsail block and the masts grafted
ships for studding sail tack blocks. Wind fresh from S.E. by S. Steady
W by S till noon. Then tacked standing E by N. Lighted Bird island.
At 2 o'clock hauled S.E. & steering N.E. by E. the wind falling to a light breeze.

Sunday Sep 29th
Calm and pleasant. In the evening a light breeze sprang from
S.E. steering S.W. Weather rather hazy but very pleasant.

Monday Sep 30th
Packed ship at 4 bells. S.E. steering E by S. In day light breeze
from S by E. At 3 P.M. Cape Verde island was on the weather beam & made
Went commencing with the Barge. Crew of St. P. Bedford. Spon-
master. I went out 50 bells. Spon. The boat a boat's crew overboard off
the Cape in a squall. Besides 4 men which they saved. Both ships landed
their boats for blackfish but without success. A very strong smell of whale.

Ship St Peter Tuesday Oct 1st
Light winds and pleasant weather. Steering S.W. by S. Parlin ahead
N.W. on the weather bow and the other islands in their places. At 2
P.M. covered for blackfish off Denny Island and succeeded
in taking one. Occupied the rest of the day in boat sailing and
shorting. Boobies Tacked at sunset steering E. Wind freshening.

Wednesday Oct 2nd
The wind continued to freshen during the night and were obliged
to top up sails on deck for loading. In the morning put
off before the wind steering W.N.W. At noon Blue fish hauled in.
The forenoon and boiled it in the afternoon. Off Denny at noon
After boiling, the oil was put up hot and bust the barrel making
a loud report, the oil running all over the deck, and to see the
scratching of men and dogs to clear the hot oil, was a scene for
a painter. Topped Bird island at 4 P.M. Double reefed at night.

Thursday Oct 3rd
Dug out topsails at sunrise and set main top gallant sails.
Blowing fresh. Steered N till 4 bells. A.M. then altered the course
to N.W. & N.E. came to the wind on the starboard tack steering E.
All hands are making thumb line for grifting block straps.

Friday Oct 4th
Weather pleasant and wind fresh steering W till noon, then tacked
and steered S.E. At 2 o'clock commenced grifting davit tackle block
we have all the rigs out to day. Tacked at sunset steering W by S.

Saturday Oct 5th
Tacked at 6 bells. A.M. and stood S.E. by E. The old man is making a
gunlock and the way the blacksmithing place is a caution. At
Helped Mr Lee graft davit tackle block strap & made thumb line.
Tacked at 4 P.M. Steady W by S. a stiff breeze blowing from S by W.

Sunday Oct 6th
Wind rather light from S by W. Steady S.E. by E. In the afternoon
came on cloudy. A great debate was held after the starboard
watch turned. Now in the afternoon about the health manners
and customs of people living in the country and those in the
city. Concluded at 3. Adjourned without deciding the question.
Lighted Eagle island in the afternoon and then steamed.

Ship St Peter Monday October 7th 1850
A light breeze from N.N.W. Steady S by E till 7 a.m. then
S.W. The trade wind has now changed to S.W. Come up
with and served the main top gallant sheets at the shore.
At 4 P.M. steered S.W. again. Lighted St. Joseph one of the
African Is. at 5 P.M. Continued grifting block straps.

Tuesday Oct 8th
In the morning the wind was light but freshened during the fore-
noon. Helped Mr Lee fit on block strap and ruse. Boat fall
Served a part of the main tack to keep it from chafing.
During the afternoon the weather came on squally with a very
strong wind hauling S.E. Steady S.W. At night took in the
top gallant sails and flying jib on the passage from African Is. to Laram.

Wednesday Oct 9th
Strong breeze from S.E. Steady S.W. set main top gallant sails in the
morning. In the afternoon came on squally the wind rising in the
evening took in flying jib. Grafted strap blocks & Cap made Sun track.

Thursday Oct 10th
The wind continued to freshen during the night and became very
took in main top gallant sail and double reefed fore & mizen top
sails. The weather continues squally & dugg. Tonight double reefed.

Friday Oct 11th
The weather continues squally blowing a half gale from the S.E. by E.
E.P.E. with single reefed fore & double reefed mizen topsails. At 2 o'clock
is grifting straps for starboard boat davit blocks and the old man
is fixing gunlock stock & barrel. At sunset double reefed again.

Saturday Oct 12th
Strong winds and frequent squalls standing E. Under double reefed
fore and mizen topsails & single reefed main topsail. At 2 o'clock
after davit block and rove the fall to waist boat. Morning turn one
reef out of the main spread say the mate says yes. But not
not understanding commenced turning out both reefs which he says from
sick haul out one reef and a sounder. On reef six and begins
knitting the first reef but getting the point of the first foul with that of
the second, the second mate says out clear that reef point you recall and
while clearing it the mate came in the top and says God d-n you
ill knock you off the yard if you are not careful. Letting go of the reef & jump
into the rigging told him I was not made to be knocked off the yard by him
and gave him an invitation to come and try his skill. but whether he
thought best or not he quietly withdrew his way to the mast head in silence.

Sunday Oct 13th
Strong winds and squalls every half hour. Steady an easterly course.
Monday Oct 14th Sat 7-4
Wind strong & variable from the south and eastward. Steady E.
Raised a school of whales at 4 P.M. Surged the boats and
truck & commenced. Starboard boat. Waist boat. Starboard
boat was steady a large whale carefully. After taking them
alongside closed up all the sails and let her lay. Wind falling.

Tuesday Oct 15th
Light winds & pleasant weather. Finished anything in at 2 P.M.
Commenced sailing at 4. Set double reefed topsails at 3 P.M.
Wednesday Oct 16th
Continued sailing. Light winds and pleasant weather. Steady S.W.
Thursday Oct 17th
Weather pleasant & wind light. Turned up out of top gallant boat
and hauled down top gallant sail. Finished sailing at 11 o'clock. All her
masts and sails.