

Ship St Peter Saturday Nov 9 1850
Took aboard 1000 lbs of sugar & coffee
Bought the cat fall & for getting the weighing anchor At 8 went ashore
at Madam David's and got a hoop weighing 10 lbs for which we carried
some flour & bread. At 11 AM we weighed anchor & stood out to sea with a light
wind from the S.E. Steady till 1 PM during a heavy shower.
Towed the starboard chain & stowed it & Tasseu the starboard once at sunset
was a sail off the weather quarter & sailed on the wind & stood along under top sail.
Sunday Nov 10th
Bought slack the main yard at 2 in the morning it being a dead calm
A light breeze sprang up at 7 AM from the S.W. At 8 AM altered the course
to S.E. & saw a sail in the morning on the lee bow. For the afternoon
gained with the Barque United States Cap. Peeping master
from Westport 10 miles short 300 spms. The bright
news of Ben Taylor's Sir Robert Peel's death one man killed by falling from
Monday Nov 11th
Rained nearly all day the wind light and variable Broke out for
leaf & pork. Sailed main topgallant sail and firing job at sunrise but coming
on to rain too soon again & hauled up the main sail & took ship at 11 AM.
Towed with the ship W. Lee in the afternoon she has just returned
from the Mozambique channel with 1150 bbls 1803 250 lb B
Tuesday Nov 12th
Light winds & cloudy weather. 3 sails are in sight this morning At noon
observed raining & rained most of the afternoon At 3 PM the Barque
Montezuma of N Bedford ran off and a jam was the consequence
Capn. Allen is master and a hard customer At 7 PM ran off to the
W. Lee & Capn. Lee accompanied Montezuma The three Capns
held council till 10 in the evening and adjourned sine die
Wednesday Nov 13th
Forenoon rainy Afternoon cloudy but no rain put potatoes in the mud
Thursday Nov 14th
Light winds & pleasant weather - strong E. At 10 AM lowered the
boat for Blackfish but without success. Altered our course to
N.E. the wind hauling S.E. and falling to a calm At night
Friday Nov 15th Sat 10 AM
In the morning the wind was light & variable from the south
strong N.E. Towards noon it came on cloudy with light showers
a moderate breeze springing up from the S. Strong wind & light rain
Saturday Nov 16th
Continued our course to the N.E. the wind hauling to S.W. Making
the passage from the Seychelles to the Cape of Good Hope
Sunday Nov 17th
In the morning the weather was fine with moderate breezes from
W. strong N.E. but towards noon it came on rainy the wind becoming
variable The weather continued cloudy and squally during the afternoon
Monday Nov 18th
The weather continues squally the wind blowing strong from N.E. strong E. & N
close hauled Towards noon the wind hauled to N.W. strong N.E. & E
At 1 PM the wind hauled to N.W. squared in and stood E. Weather fine
Tuesday Nov 19th
Strong winds & fine weather strong E. Repaired back strap for four folk
teak made thumb line & helped by Lee cast lead in the chocks of
his boat Tills in hand's cask of beef & pork
At noon 60 miles distant
Strong winds from N.W. strong E. weather continues pleasant Broke out
all the meat in the after hold and coopered it Stowed all down
again but a few barrels
Thursday Nov 21st
Finished coopers the meat and flowered it at 8 PM The wind
light & weather fine During P. M. Capn. Allen quite indis-
posed having caught a cold several days ago & quite unable to do his
duty. We have had a hard day's work

Ship St Peter Friday Nov 22nd 1850
Bleed forward at 6 AM steering S.E. with a moderate breeze from N.W.
Towed the chains and grappled strap for standing sail gear To haul the lower
top sail halliards block for grappling & to haul the lower top sail
Saturday Nov 23rd Sat 1st
Light winds from N.W. steering E. S. E. Lighted the southern mast islands
of the Haldie group at 4 PM. At noon 40 islands were in sight
At 3 PM altered the course to E. the wind hauling to N.W. Continued the
course till midnight when we have to on the starboard tack. Weather hazy
Sunday Nov 24th
Fresh winds from S.W. & cloudy weather steering close hauled by E. & E.
At daylight set courses main & mizen topgallant & jibs Capn. Allen
still indisposed but convalescent Towards noon the wind hauled N.W. & M
holing course due S. Took in topgallant & mizen and hauled up the main
Monday Nov 25th
Continued on course to the S the wind still fresh from W. Sailed top sail
halliards block strap made thumb line & sail rigging & towards night
the weather came on squally between squally the wind was calm looking light
Tuesday Nov 26th
Forenoon cloudy with light winds strong S. Since we left the Seychelles
a number of pilot fish have constantly attended us & have played around
the cutwater In the afternoon the wind became fresh hauling N.W. & M
hauled S.W. usual set light sails in the morning & took them in at night
Wednesday Nov 27th Sat 1st
Light winds and fine weather the wind knocked us off to S by 10 AM close hauled
killed a pig to day for we expect to arrive in the States
Commenced grappling a strap for top sail halliards lower block thumb line & c
Thursday Nov 28th
Cold Ocean's bottom is still not a breath of air raises a ripple on
the wide expanse of waters and the sun pours down its heat with
great intensity Grappled S. T. strap finished S. T. strap & all sail set
In the afternoon set up the inner bobstay backstays jib & fly jib gup
at 1 PM a light breeze sprang up from S.W. strong close hauled
In the evening the wind was variable & weather squally & fog in fore hold
Friday Nov 29th Sat 4 10 S
During the night there was a few light squalls took in light sails set them
Almost a calm with fine weather Set up outer bobstay grappled S. T. strap
strap & topgallant standing sail gear & set up fore topgallant look stay
In the afternoon the wind freshened a little from S.W. strong N.W.
Saturday Nov 30th
Gray got one tub of urine all over him in the last watch for sleeping
Light winds & fine weather Towed at 6 AM standing close hauled S.W.
At 11 PM raised a lone whale lowered away and chased nearly
all the forenoon The starboard boat started but both crews got foul
of her jib and missed him After that he breached and blew a few times
but had his weather eye open for the boats and it being useless to chase
returned to the ship at 11 PM again At 1 PM a northwesterly
Sunday Dec 1st
Wind strong and variable from the westward steering Northward Raised
the lone whale at 1 PM. Lowered the boats and about 8 the watch boat
fastened At 1 PM a lone whale along side and commenced cutting in 30 min
at 11 in the evening Although it is Sunday we have had a hard day's work
Monday Dec 2nd
Commenced boiling at 9 AM During the night took several heavy squalls
but the day was fine with strong and variable winds steering S.W. & E. & M
under double reefed fore & main & close reefed mizen & topgallant jib & spinnaker