Ship St Peter Monday Jan 27th 1851 Lat 6.37 S

Light, variable and unsteady winds and cloudy weather accompanied with a few light showers Repaired the service on the after main shroud and did a few light jobs besides The mate repaired L.B.T. crane brace &c At sunset doubled reefed topsails furled mainsail the breese freshening

Tuesday Jan 28th Lat 7.23 S

Strong winds from E.S.E steering N.E. Made a pair of fore crojick pants tuffed down some in the main and mizen rigging &c &c Took in light sail at sunset. Fine weather to beat to windward

Wednesday Jan 29th Lat 6.51 S

A good breese from Eastward hauling Southward steering N 75 Th and East a under all sail At 10 A.M the man aloft sung out Sail ho to the afternoon gammed with the Barque Maria of N B Mass steered She has taken no oil since we spoke her ~~but~~ she has now about 500 bbls

Thursday Jan 30th Lat 7.39 S

Moderate breeses and pleasant weather. Steered S till 7 am then tacked and stood N.E. At 9 A.M lowered the boats for Blackfish and succeeded in taking 2 small ones Starboard boat 1 Waist boat 1. Call sail is seen by

Friday Jan 31st Lat 6.57 S

Light winds and pleasant weather steering Easterly Repaired fore topsail stay and bent new footropes on the mizen topsail yard Broke the block in the Boltin block in At sunset took in light sail and hauled up the main sheet. Lat 7.21 S

Saturday February 1st 1851 W of Chagos Archipelago

Set all sail at sunrise steering S.E & with a moderate breese from E.N.E and pleasant weather Took on fore and mizen topgallant sails and fly jib at 4 P.M

Sunday Feb 2nd Lat 7.35

Fresh winds and pleasant weather steering N Easterly At 9 past 9 A.M saw a Bark off on weather beam. The Officers thought it was an English whaler

Monday Feb 3d Lat 7.0

Fresh and variable winds from the Eastward steering Northward weather continues pleasant Sent down the fallen topsail yard and repaired it and replaced it again with a new mat besides doing several light jobs such as a few Spallines and a few stay sizings

Tuesday Feb 4th Lat 6.58

Pleasant weather with light and variable winds steering N N Easterly

Wednesday Feb 5th

In the morning the wind was strong and variable from Northward but towards noon it fell to a light breese hauling to E Sighted Eagle Island one of the Chagos Archipelago at 6 A.M bearing E At noon was off the Island about 4 miles. Sent the Larboard & Waist boat to go ashore for fish &c The Boats returned at 6 P.M with a quantity of fish but could not go ashore on account of a heavy surf, They caught some of the most beautiful fish that I ever saw. At 6 altered the course to N by W light winds from E

Thursday Feb 6th

Squally with variable and unsteady winds till 1 P.M when the weather became pleasant and the wind Easy steering N E by N There is a general making of fish lines and hooks among the officers and gentry i.e.

Friday Feb 7th Lat 5.13 S

Light winds from S E steering N E by N till 11 A.M. when we took a light shower and the wind hauled to N steering close hauled E N E In the afternoon it come on a dead calm Fish hook making, hog making &c

Saturday Feb 8th

A dead calm After breakfast several of us were cooking a ball for hog (?) been over about 11 on board ship [illegible] and we had just got [illegible] time after we [illegible] Cook shared at 2 P.M. [illegible] Cook set for the chop [illegible]

Seychelle Ground

Ship St Peter Monday April 1st 1850 on the Seychelle ground

A light wind sprang up in the forenoon from S E course East Light Showers Afternoon wind light and changeable weather clear and pleasant Lat of Obs 4.5

Tuesday Apl 2d

In the morning had a good breeze from S E. Towards noon had a shower wind hauled to E by S steering N E by N Lat 3.29 S. Afternoon calm

Wednesday Apl 3

The wind light and Weather pleasant Spoke the Ship Phenix of New London 4 years out with 150 bbls spent the afternoon aboard of her. She had the Officers and 3 of the crew of the Barque George Porter of Fairhaven with 150 barrels of Oil from her She was wrecked on a reef on Cow Island while her Boats were ashore Turtling &c (French Shoals) did not care In the afternoon we sighted 4 Islands of the Seychelle Group

Dennis Island

Thursday Apl 4th

A light wind from S E steering E by N. Weather very hot and sultry Sighted Dennys Island from the Masthead early in the morning bearing N by East. At one P.M the tops of the Cocoanut trees could be seen from the deck The first one that could be seen looked like a large Ship in the distance Then another and another made its appearance and in a short time it looked like a large grove growing from the surface of the Seaman hour a light wind had fanned us along so we were able to see the low sandy Beach from Deck At 4 P.M we were about 4 mls from shore Lowered away Larboard Boat for the purpose of getting Turtles At 6 P.M a hard Squall struck us accompanied with a heavy shower of Rain Clewed down Topgallant Sails Double reefed Fore and Mizen topsls It continued to rain by spells till Midnight Lat 4.29

Dennis or Dennys Island

Friday Apl 5th

In the morning there was light showers of Rain and a strong current setting in shore at the rate of 3 miles pr hour accompanied with a heavy swell and we were obliged to carry all Sail to keep us off Shore Lowered away Waist Boat Blackfishing before Breakfast but without any luck. The Boat returned from Shore at 8 O'clock with 1 Turtle 4 Hogs and some Hens. They informed us we could get as many Hogs and Turtle as we could bring off in a little time. Lowered away Starboard Boat and together with Larboard Boat pulled ashore again. We landed on the most beautiful beach that I ever saw. ~~[illegible]~~ Beginning a small bay and the sand on it was white as snow The Island except where we landed is ~~[illegible]~~ surrounded by a ruf of Rocks over which the Surf beats with great fury. On landing we found the Island covered with an undergrowth of about 2 feet in heighth which is principally of the Sea Island Cotton bush that grows spontaneously all over it. This and other low shrubs form a thick undergrowth which makes it almost impossible to walk over it A few Cocoa nut and Pineapples is the only fruit that grows on it The Island has been inhabited but now it is entirely depopulated

The Island ~~was~~ occasionally had people on it from the adjacent Islands who came there to stay awhile and go back again and alternately stay here and on one or another of the Seychelle group