Ship St Peter Saturday Apl 6th 1850

Light winds from E to E Standing No & saw a School of Black fish

Sunday Apl 7th

A fresh Wind from So So E. Standing E to keep Ship and sloop So W
In the afternoon it came on cloudy. The wind fresh an variable At night took in Topgallant Sails and main Sail. Double reefed Foresail & Mizen top Sail

Monday Apl 8th

It rained hard most of the day In the Morning double reefed main Top Sail and close reefed Foresail Not because it blew but because it was rainy and did not wish to stand along. The Wind variable from the West so So E

Tuesday Apl 9th Lat 7.31

The weather pleasant with a fresh wind from So by E to So East Saw Pilot blow. Towards night the weather became Cloudy. Today rigged a Forge and the Capn & Mate begants bungle a little. Made a step for after Lower Mast

Wednesday Apl 10th Lat 7.1

In the morning there was a heavy shower. The rest of the day the weather was thick and heavy but no rain. Made preparations to set up new Mizen Royal shift. Raised a school of Whales at half past 3 PM. At 4 lowered away and pulled dead to windward till Sundown. Returned to the Ship minus 1 Whale

Thursday Apl 11th

Light winds from No No West standing W by So. Commenced fitting Lathe we got from Ship Stanly & Blacksmithing &c &c

Friday Apl 12th

Raised a school of Whales at 8 Oclock Lowered away and succeeded in taking a pebble one The larboard boat struck first and got stove pretty badly by running on top of them carelessly. Cut him in and commenced trying out at Sundown

Saturday 13th

Saw Whales break this morning. Lowered away boats 8 Oclock and took 1 small Cow Whale. Spoke The Barque Bruce of Faithaven Capt Fuller master 17 mos out 800 bbls Capt Fuller came aboard at 7 and staid till 8 Oc

Sunday 14th

Fresh wind from the So. Finished trying out late in the Evening. Raised Whales at 3 PM Lowered West & larboard Boat The larboard Boat struck a small Cow but the Lion drawed and they lost him. Capn & Mate had a jaw about the Stove leaving Sweat

Monday Apl 15th 1850

The Weather very pleasant. Light wind from the Southeast. We are now cruising among the Seychelle Islands Land is in sight nearly every Day some days from 8 to 11 Islands can be seen at a time the Current is very strong setting Eastwald. We have been all sail Day & Night to keep our ground. When the Wind is light we loose ground

Tuesday Apl 16th

In the Morning there was light showers of rain. Made Mahe about 20 mls distant bearing N. W. A fresh wind from No No West standing S W Passed Ship and stood W. In the Afternoon the wind was variable attended with Squalls of wind and Rain. The Weather as might be expected near the Equator as we are is very warm and sultry. especially when it is calm. When there is no wind the Decks are so hot that it is almost impossible to go nigh it with the bare feet. We have now taken about 2 1/2 bbls of Oil from 5 Whales. As one has been first yet although the Boats have been stove several times It has also been a healthy time but 3 or 4 of us have been sick at Mr James Carter Mate Mr Lewis & Henry Cruzeson Forward Hand are now quite sick but recovering the rain. We have so far received good treatment from the Officers No punishment has been carried on except now and then a bucket of water & wash down. We have got but one up that was the last Jose of Oil this is the first and it will be the last in the Steerage case

Continued at 8 A. M. Hot as hell. We are apt to look out for the Ship Sophia

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Ship St Peter Sunday Feb 9th Lat 7.13 S Chgos Archipelago

Light winds from N N W steering E to E Weather pleasant Towards night altered the course to E Sighted Peros Bahnos 5 a little before 6 PM

Monday Feb 10th Peros Bahnos

At daylight we were off the islands called the three brothers and at 7 AM lowered the starboard boat to go ashore and trade taking with us 2 loaves tobacco and a few peices of cloth After pulling around several reefs we arrived safe and sound about 10 Oclock at the City which consisted of 43 houses a blacksmith shop coopers shop some half a dozen store houses an oil House and 2 mills for grinding Cocoa nuts from which oil is made in considerable quantities The island is owned by a company and the inhabitants Some 250 in number are all engaged in making cocoa nut oil. The cocoa nut is almost the only tree that grows on this or the adjacent Islands which are about 20 in number The inhabitants are creoles speaking the french language and are in a state but little short of slavery There are 2 superintendents or agents from the Mauritius who oversee the work and find the natives in clothes and Liquor We found trade rather dull their wants being supplied by the company however we got 2 hogs a few cocoa nuts and some fowls and were cleared at 5 PM. The wind during the day was light and variable with cloudy weather. At 6 made off steering W N W with a fresh wind

Tuesday Feb 11th

Variable and unsteady winds with squalls steering N E towards night there came on a dead calm Lowered the topsails & took in light sail

Wednesday Feb 12th

In a dead calm Sent down the foresail and repaired it. Bent it again at 4 PM At noon caught a large and beautiful fish called Barcoota

Thursday Feb 13th

Finally with variable winds, steering from 4 different courses viz. E. E & E. S E. & E. N E. going free Sent down the main topsail and middle stitched it and bent it again at 4 PM In the evening there come on a drizzling rain

Friday Feb 14th

Strong winds from N W steering E N E & N. All the weather being dirty and rainy double reefed fore and main topsail and furled mizen topsail The weather continued dirty during the day

Saturday Feb 15th

The weather continues cloudy with frequent squalls. The wind is variable and unsteady from the Northward steering Eastward In the afternoon killed one of the hogs we got at the Three Brothers Continued under double reefed fore and main topsails during the day & at night the weather came on fine

Sunday Feb 16th Lat 3.55 S

Fine weather and light winds from W steering N. E. under main topsail fore sail fore topsail and flying jib Towards night heavy showers gathered round accompanied with thunder and lightning Took in light sail and double reefed topsails expecting hard squalls But in the Evening the clouds broke away and we had very little rain The wind continued light

Monday Feb 17th Lat 8.01 South

Moderate breezes from N W by N steering N E by N on the wind Sent down the main topgallant sail and bent a new one Great mechanical operations are going on the old man is rigging a great plan for a turning lathe Lost the mizen topsail and topgallant sail and turned reefs out of topsails

Tuesday Feb 18th Lat 1.58

Fresh winds from N. N W steering N E Saw an English merchant ship at daylight passing our stern steering E. probably bound to canton Sent down the mizen topsail to mend. Tacked at noon standing W. Sent down the mizen topsail to mend.

Wednesday Feb 19th

Light variable winds with hard squalls Finished the mizen topsail and bent it. Sent in the reefs to mend There is a very irregular sea on and we pitch and roll nearly