

Ship St Peter Tuesday Feb 20th from Pitts Banks to St. John's
Strong winds and hard squalls steering westerly. A Barge passed
us at 4 A.M. steering E with royal and fore topmast and main topgallant
and royal studen sails set. She was supposed to be English. Set no colors.
Finished the tire machine and made several fishlines. At sunset
took in all but double reefed main topsail and foresail.

Friday Feb 21st
Strong breeze from N.W. steering W. Balled twine and sized mizen topgallant
Saturday Feb 22nd Lat 2.23.1. Broke out for mizen topgallant
The wind continued strong from N.W. steering W. Were probably bound
back to the Seychelles or to Paga de Mahla banks having made rather bad cruise
taking only 26 lbs from 3 whales and we are getting rather poor. Killed
the other boy that we got at the three Brothers' Cruise tomorrow. "Hurry"

Sunday Feb 23rd Lat 3.14.1. Lon. 7.50.8.
In the morning set up jib, flying jib gups and fore topgallant backstay
on the starboard side then turned topgallant of mizen topsail set main top
gallant sail and flying jib. The wind holds strong from N.W. steering W.
Monday Feb 24th Lat 4.24.1

The breeze holds strong steering close hauled W. Bent down the fore
topgallant sail and repaired it and bent it again at 8 A.M. set it
bent down the mizen topgallant sail and mended it. Bent it at 4 P.M.

Tuesday Feb 25th Lat 5.33.1
The wind is more moderate from N.W. steering W. Under all sail
but fore topgallant sail. Spliced in new piece of rigging to the mizen
topgallant sail and fore topsail balliards &c. Weather continues pleasant.

Wednesday Feb 26th Lat 6.06.1
Moderate winds with a few light showers. Steering S.W. Cleared the
larboard fore chains and put on a coat of tar. At sunrise took in
light sail and hauled up courses luffing to the wind. Hauled shrouds.

Thursday Feb 27th Lat 7.11.1
Fresh breeze from N.W. backed forward at sunrise steering Punder
topgallant and foresail. Sighted Diego Garcia at 8 A.M. bearing 11 degrees
The last point of land at 11-12 and came to the wind steering W by S.

Friday Feb 28th
Strong winds from N.W. steering W. Under all sail. Fore topgallant sail
In the afternoon the weather came on squally. Took in topgallant sails
and at sunset double reefed fore and aft and hauled up main course.
At 8 in the evening it came on to blow hard with heavy squalls
accompanied with a great deal of very sharp lightning but no thunder.
Hurled the mainsail mizen topsail and jib & hauled up the foresail.

Saturday March 1st 1854 Lat 8.25.1
Cloudy weather and unsteady winds from N.W. steering W. Under all sail.
Drove new fore and main blocks. At night double reefed and lashed.

Sunday March 2nd Lat 9.08.
Light winds and pleasant weather steering close hauled N.W.
on the larboard tack with all sail set.

Monday March 3rd
Light winds and pleasant weather steering N.W. Came up with
the larboard main shrouds and turned them in anew and set them
up again put on wirings sheer poles &c.

Ship St Peter Tuesday March 4th 9
Wet and rainy with variable and unsteady winds steering westward
Wednesday March 5th Lat 9.33.1

Squally with variable and unsteady winds steering westward. To day we
are obliged to take our bread over a cask taken out yesterday is very mouldy.
Towards night the wind became steady and blew fresh. Took in main topgallant.

Thursday March 6th
The wind during the night was very strong and variable with heavy
squalls accompanied with considerable thunder and lightning. A little
before daybreak the jib was carried away and tore all the pieces.
At daylight double reefed fore and main and furlled mizen topsail
and mainsail. It continued to rain till noon and the wind blew very
strong all day. Put new gaskets on the main topgallant sail.

Friday March 7th Lat 8.15.1 Lon 68.58.8
Fresh winds from N.W. course W. S.W. The weather cloudy with a
few squalls. Set all sail at sunrise. At 6 A.M. took a hard squall
and was obliged to take in fore and mizen topgallant sails. Put up new
Saturday March 8th

Fresh winds and squalls steering westerly. Broke out for sails and
took out a spar. At noon it came on to blow so fresh that we were
obliged to reef fore and main and furl mizen topsails. The
mainsail was nearly torn to pieces. Ruled the pieces &c.
Sunday March 9th Lat 9.39.1

Loosed all sail but mizen topgallant sail at sunrise but at 8 A.M. it
commenced blowing hard with severe squalls. Double reefed top sails
fore and aft. At noon the weather became pleasant. Loosed
turned reefs out of topsails and loosed fore and main topgallant sails.
Loosed the mainsail and let it dry and sent it down at 3 P.M. after that until

Monday March 10th
The wind was light from N.W. till 10 A.M. when it chopped around to
S.W. Tacked and stood N.W. close hauled. All hands are mending the
mainsail with the old sparker which we sent down this morning and
bent another one. Finished the sail at 6 P.M. and bent it.

Tuesday March 11th
Light and rather variable winds from the southward steering N. by W.
Bent down the fore topsail at daylight and repaired it. Bent it again
at 3 P.M. and sent down mizen topgallant sail. Mended it and bent it at 6 P.M.

Wednesday March 12th
Moderate winds from N.W. steering N.W. Set up the larboard main
and main topmast backstay. In the afternoon the wind blew fresh
with squalls. Took in flying jib and mizen topgallant sail.
To day we begin to get 14 F.F. 3 times per week.

Thursday March 13th
In the morning the wind was variable. Tacked twice between 6 & 8 A.M.
at last the wind blew steady from N.W. steering N.W. for Paga de Mahla.
Set up the starboard main and main topmast backstay and main
sniffer and shrouds. The weather very pleasant.

Friday March 14th
Fresh and variable winds steering Southward and westward.
Finished setting up main rigging and rattled down some of it.
We are trying to get to Paga de Mahla banks but the wind is
right ahead and very variable. Tacked 3 times before 7 o'clock. Took