

Ship St. Peter Friday April 18th 1881. Logcheller.
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Saturday April 19th
Strong breeze from N.W. steering N.W. the barque is in sight on our lee beam. Passed her at 6 P.M. Took in sail as usual but suspect wind hauled S.W.
Sunday April 20th
Pleasant weather with fresh westerly steering N.W. W close hauled. Tacked at 9 A.M. steering E. S.E. In the morning a Barque bore in sight right ahead standing towards us. At 1 P.M. she was on our starboard beam and the captain gave orders to haul up the mainsail. The immediate haul up had squared her yards & ran off. When speaking her found her to be the old Hope. She has taken nothing since we saw her last. Set up main royal shrouds and by an a burst gasket for the mainsail set up main royal shrouds.
Monday April 21st Lat 3.29 Lon 80.33
Moderate breeze from S.W. steering E. S.E. somewhere the wind would haul so we could head S. Little or no work is going on to day. The Hope is about 6 miles to windward on the same tack at 1 P.M. ran ashore and sent a boat ashore. At 4 we lowered our larboard and waist boats and sent ashore coming aboard at 7 A.M. with a turtle which they brought of a linnace laying at anchor there turtle. Flood to the westward the rest of day.
Tuesday April 22nd Lat 3.31
Light winds and pleasant weather steering N.W. till 9 A.M. then N.E. the remainder of the day. At sunset took in fore & main topgallant sails & flying jib. Saw a strange sail on the lee beam running towards Bird Island.
Wednesday April 23rd Lat 3.34
The weather continues pleasant and wind light from S.W. steering E till about 1 when the course was steered to N.E. Made a direct passage from Bird to Denny's Island. Early bearing about S.B. at 3 P.M. being in our starboard beam. Joe M. struck a porpoise this morning and broke the cask. Joe M. took an iron out of his boat and struck another soon after and saved him so we shall have turtle soup for dinner and porpoise for supper. A little after noon raised a sail on the weather beam and the other ahead. As soon as we could make them out we saw they were both Barques hauled our wind and stood N.W. towards the weather one. The lee one instantly tacked and stood up on the wind with us. The weather one was snoring off before the wind. At sunset we stood so as to go right between both ships vessels but they were too far off so the vessels came together first but we stood on till about 8 in the evening when they were about a mile off. Lowered the starboard boat and copin. My went aboard the Clarence. Capin. Efford she has taken 1000 lbs since we saw her Sep 30th 1880. The other craft on the Hope lay to all night.
Thursday April 24th
Flood to the southward and eastward with a light breeze. The barque are both in sight on the weather bow and the other on the weather quarter. At 7 P.M. they came together and had a gam. We held our course close. At 8 P.M. the wind hauled to W. S.W. in the evening so we stood. It is expected to see whales to day but we were mistaken so we are going to the southward in the light of the bank between the Penobscot and the Penobscot. The barque has got the scurvy the carpenter took 100 lbs.

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