

Ship St. Peter Sunday May 3rd 1851. Logarithm
We are coasting along merrily with a fine though variable breeze from
W. by N. nearly S. by E. S. E. & S. We have lost sight of both Baques. At
sunset took in fore & main top gallant sails and flying jib. Lashed ship and
lashed the main yard at 10 o'clock.

Monday May 4th
Have a fresh breeze from N. W. stood in N. by N. till 6 bells heading in
toward Brasil which is about 13 miles distant. Tacked at 7 and steered
close hauled. S. E. set sail but fore to gabut sail at sunrise. At noon the
wind freshened and at 3 took in both sails. The wind continued to freshen
on and the weather grew cloudy with a strong disposition to rain till 7
when the wind fell and the weather cleared up. At 8 took in the main
top sail having double reefed them at sunset. Dictatorship

Monday May 5th
Light winds steering close hauled N. W. till 10 A.M. when we kept off. At
noon the mate reported a vessel to leeward that appeared to be whaling.
We was put off before the wind about 1/2 E. steering for her. The Barque hailed
back waiting for us. At 3 P.M. the starboard boat and the Captain went
aboard the old Maria. Upon Moore's boat with 90 lbs. of sperm. The
taken 30 lbs. since we saw her. Diego Garcia we had been aboard
of her but a short while when one of the crew told us that a negro named
of "Johanna" was very sick of the inflammatory rheumatism and that
they did not think he would live but a short time. His reason was
that he continually talked of his home his wife and his child and
longed for them in terms of sincerest affection and then as if aware that he was
far from home would entreat of those around him to carry him
back to his own native home promising to reward them with great treasure
by of his own tribe. About 5 P.M. he again resumed his seat. He said he
must die. He then told Sanborn's countryman what he wanted to be done
with his things &c. He talked at intervals till about 10 past 7 when he lay
down and uttered a few groans and he expired. Just as the sailor went back
he had lost the number of his ship. He returned aboard about 8 and
with a feeling of sadness expressed in every countenance. This is the first
death I have witnessed at sea and a feeling of sadness came over me as I
looked on the sable face of the old negro silent in death which I never felt
before. Surely death need not the agonized cry to find its victims.

Tuesday May 6th Lat 4.10 S
Light breezes steering westerly till noon when we kept off. About 11
miles distant tacked and stood off. S. E.

Wednesday May 7th
During the forenoon it fell calm, lowered topsails, slowed up to gallop
sails & canvas. The calm continued till 4 P.M. all day except a light breeze
just at sunset. Cleared the iron work on the windlass and put
on a coat of tar. The same to the keel and anchor.

Thursday May 8th
Boiled the topsails at sunrise heading a very light breeze from
N. W. heading westerly. Broke out for Beef, pork, bread flour & water.
Steered close hauled N. E. till 6 P.M. when we were ship. and sailed
course due S. the wind from W. The mate making a major for his leg.

Friday May 9th
Fine weather and light winds steering due S. till 3 P.M. then S. W.
Crapped sister blocks for main buntlines. It seemed as if we were
weathering bearing about S. W. by S. distant 10 miles.

Saturday May 10th Lat 5.15 S
The wind continues light from N. W. steering S. W. by W. till 5 P.M. then W.
Make is 3 points forward. Lat 5.15 S. distant 10 miles. The current sets strong
and the current sets strong and the wind is not so strong as yesterday.

Ship St. Peter Sunday May 11th 1851 Logarithm Lat 5.29 S
Light winds steering close hauled about S. W. with the starboard tack aboard.
Make bears N. W. by N. distant 10 miles.

Monday May 12th Lat 5.56 S
Rigged St. Peter at daylight heading to east by distant 12 miles.
The wind hauled to S. steering N. W. close hauled. The Cooper has been
sick since last Thursday with pains in his bowels caused by mercury. To day
he is so bad that when he was raised to stool his groans and cries could
be heard all over the ship. During the forenoon the wind hauled S. by
held a course due W. the rest of the day. Made sword mat for hunt gasket.

Tuesday May 13th Lat 5.28 S
The wind held about S. till 4 bells S. by S. when it suddenly hauled W.
and was light and baffling the rest of the day. The mate was
taken sick this morning and is not able to do duty. Made sword
mat for hunt gasket to main top gallant sail.

Wednesday May 14th
Sighted St. Josephs one of the Ambassadors at 8 A.M. bearing S. W. steering
S. W. till 12 past. I then W. N. by N. and stood off. Steered
S. W. noon for Maria and E. Wood into a fight about sleeping
in his watch. A deck gas was put in the rigging and stood till 4 P.M.
when he got 2 flashes and was released. The Cooper is worse to day.
He was taken with spells of derangement which continued during the day.
At 5 P.M. the Captain went in to see him and on asking him how he felt
he said very well but have cut my throat which I want you to finish
as the knife is dull I could not cut deep enough. On looking he
found some of his throat was cut just above the Adams apple but
not deep enough making a bad flesh wound. He also tried to drive
it into his chest but did not succeed. He then tried to thrust
it into his back but the knife was so dull that he did not succeed.
All the day we were now held and watches put over him. I stayed
with him from 6 till 10 in the evening. The Captain was with me from 8
till 1 during which time the Cooper continually talking wild. I was released
by Godwin in the larboard boat at 10.

Thursday May 15th
Continued the course to the S. with light winds from S. E. & E. S. E.
The Cooper continues about the same. I watched with him from
from 7 till 12 past. At 1 P.M. and was relieved by Robinson. In the afternoon
I stayed with him from 4 till after supper. Towards night the wind
freshened a little. Sighted Logochilles at 3 P.M. bearing S.

Friday May 16th
At 2 in the morning I relieved Robinson in the steerage. In a few
moments after he went away. I asked Cooper if he would like to lay
down and rest. he said yes and I went to fix his bed when he was
taken with a fit of insanity a jumping up seized a small hammer
seized it to strike me but I dodged the blow and stood on the defense.
He did not advance but I stood with the hammer raised and told
me to stand off for he was not going to be killed by me. The Captain
and mate instantly came in and he was finally calmed down but still
held the hammer. For about an hour he had another fit and rushed
on the Captain but we stilled him in a short time and took away the
hammer. He was then quiet till 6 when I left him. At 9 we passed light
on our passage to Brasil. Steering close hauled S. During the forenoon
the wind hauled about and became variable. Steering for tomorrow. I laid
at 1 P.M. got the watch but ready and the Captain and mate went ashore.
At 3 P.M. the Cooper was taken with convulsions and never have I seen such a case.
He was in a fit and glancing for a long time and it was a scene that I can
wish to witness again. At 8 he became exhausted by his convulsions and drop
ping his hands by his side fell asleep. He slept till midnight awaking
about once in an hour and would talk incoherently for a few moments. At
then fell asleep again. I stayed with him from 5 till 7 P.M. was released
by Godwin and Cooper Robinson stayed with me all the afternoon.