

78 Ship St Peter Sunday Sep 28th Seychelles
Fresh breezes and cloudy weather. Raised a sail at 11 p.m. past 6
A.M. on the weather beam. At 8 about ship and gave chase. At noon
she ran across our bows and hove to and set her colors. Lowered
the Starboard boat and pulled aboard and found her to be
the Barque Marcella. Cap. Winslow. She has taken 40 Bl. speck
since we saw her in St. Hans. At 4 P.M. Mr. Ryder lowered for
blackfish without success. Returned aboard at 6 P.M. after which
we lowered the larboard and waist boats for blackfish
but without success again. I was so fortunate as to get a
navigator from one of the foremast hands. At 8 P.M. raised
another sail on the lee bow. At sunset Sonney island
I & distant Smiley. Tacked and stood East

Monday Sep 29th
Fine breezes and pleasant weather. At 7 p.m. raised a
sail and gave chase for we are bound to get with one
raft we see for the next 2 weeks. She backed her main
sail at 9 and at 11 we ran across the stern of the Barque
Dolphin. Capin Cutler who came aboard. At 3 the Marcella
ran down and Capin Winslow came aboard. At 5 p.m. 8 o'clock
Capin Cutler and Winslow went aboard the Dolphin
in the Marcella's boat. We traced forward and stood East

Tuesday Sep 30th Lat 3.49 S
Stood easterly with a light and rather variable wind.
Prepared the lifts and foot ropes to the main topgallant yard.
At 4 it was a dead calm. Lowered the topsails by the clippers
and hauled up the courses. Barque Dolphin 10 miles off on the lee

Wednesday Oct 1st Lat 3.21 S
Perfectly calm. The topsails were hoisted home at day light but
were soon lowered again. Sent down the fore and mizen topgallant
sails and mended them. The Dolphin is 10 miles to leeward with
everything down. Whitewashed the Sparker and fore topgallant

Thursday Oct 2nd No observation
In the morning it was calm and raining till 11 p.m. when
it cleared up and a good breeze sprang up from S.E. steering
N.E. by E under all sail. Made sinnet and furred some shrouds

Friday Oct 3rd Lat 3.33 S
Light winds steering N.E. by N. Move new main topgallant
braces - whitewashed the forecabin put hinges on the cabin
deadlights &c. At 5 P.M. Mr. Ryder raised a breach and we
hoft off to S.E. but seeing no more of it kept on the old course

Saturday Oct 4th Lat 1.53 S
Altered the course to N. having a light but steady
breeze from S.E. Killed the last hog we had aboard.

Sunday Oct 5th
Steered due N. with a good breeze from
W. under all sail. The sabbath has come again with
fresh pork for dinner a thing that rarely occurs aboard
the old St. Peter. The labors of the week are laid aside
and we have time to read and to be engaged with ones
own thoughts which naturally revert to the scenes of his
home. To think how he used to spend his time there and
compare it with the way it is spent here. There it was spent
in attending church but here it is spent in various ways.
Some read some sing some sleep and some do nothing
at all spending their time in idleness and idleness.

To day I worked a variation in Longitude for the 20th
of Sep 1851 which was 1.08 1/2 East took the wheel before
breakfast and from 2 till 4 P.M. and 1st in first watch.
P.M. still in 2nd watch. Then N.E. till 5 P.M. then N.W. by N.

Ship St Peter October 6th Seychelles to St. 7.44 1/2 79
Fine weather and moderate breeze from S. Steering N.W. by N.
Plaited sinnet and repaired futtock shrouds to the main top
gallant rigging beside putting a mat on the main topgallant yard.
Capin Almy pulled a tooth for me in the morning. In the
evening the course was altered to N.W. with a fine breeze.

Tuesday Oct 7th Lat 3.08 S
In the morning it was almost calm but soon came on
to blow a light breeze and looked squally. The weather soon
cleared up and was pleasant the remainder of the day. Steered
N.W. the wind variable. Made sinnet and fixed the larboard
futtock shrouds to the main topgallant rigging 8.00

Wednesday Oct 8th Lat 3.59 S
Moderate winds from S.W. going close hauled about N.W.
Rattled down main topgallant rigging, made sinnet &c.
Capin caught a great many small albacore. Got up a tow line
and topped it and coiled it away on the house to dry for a
spare line in case we should happen to lose one. Coiled the
line tub yesterday and a cover to day. Coiled the line in tub

Thursday Oct 9th Lat 4.00 S
Strong breezes from S.W. by W. with pleasant weather. Tacked
hauled N.W. by W. Hoisted the fore and mizen topgallant sails
at 3 this morning. Finished making sinnet and spliced &c.
coiled rope yarns for spungarn

Friday Oct 10th Lat 4.09 S nearly 3.0
Tacked ship at 7 this morning and stood close hauled S.E.
with a good breeze and fine weather. Spliced and coiled
more rope yarns for spungarn. Tacked at 10 o'clock and stood N.W. by N.

Saturday Oct 11th Lat 3.01
Fine weather with fresh winds standing close hauled
by S.W. We have been getting very bad bread for the past few
weeks and I was going to speak to the Capin about it to day
but on examining the bread I found it to be good except
some on the top and the cook was too lazy to overhaul it
and get out the good so I gave up the idea of speaking to the Capin

Sunday Oct 12th Lat 3.31 S
Moderate winds from S. Steering N.W. Set the mizen top
gallant sail at 6 A.M. and the fore at 8 P.M. wind falling

Monday Oct 13th Lat 3.34 S
Light winds from S. Steering N.W. Under all sail. Finished
splicing yarns and began making spungarn. We have got to
beat back to the Seychelles again which are nearly 500
miles to the southward with a head wind and a strong current
setting N.E. nearly, and water is getting rather scarce.

Tuesday Oct 14th Lat 3.10 S
Nearly calm till 3 P.M. when a very light wind sprang up
from W. S.W. Steering S. Saw a humpback and some black
Grampusses but nothing of value to us. Made and pricked
up spungarn and turned in main topmast rigging. In the
evening the wind fell again to a dead calm. A hawk came aboard

Wednesday Oct 15th Lat 3.28 S
Light winds from the southward steering easterly
under all sail. Finished making spungarn and began
cleaning the fore topsail sheets. Any number of humpbacks
Pulpher bottoms and Grampusses can be seen. This cleaning
the topsail sheets is often in nothing but a piece
of nonsense for it is only scraping off one
coat of tar for the sake of putting in another