

80 Ship St. Peter Thursday Oct 16th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
In the morning the breeze was small from S.E. by S. but at 9 A.M. shifted a little to the southward and was obliged to steer close hauled. I painted the iron work around the ships side with a composition of lamp black and tar mixed with oil and turpentine. Continued cleaning the fore and main masts.

Friday Oct 17th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
It is nearly calm again and what little wind I had changed to S.W. at 6 hours. There is a rather variable gale at 11 A.M. but 3 miles per hour. Weather pleasant but hot as in the forenoon. I years have now passed over our heads on board the good old Saint and still we are the same grumbling, whining set, tyrant ridden slaves who sacrifice all the comforts of home, friends and an enlightened society for the sake of enriching those who would see you perishing from starvation and nakedness before they would give you one single penny to save you from your forlorn condition. I scraped the top sail sheets as we scrape through everything aboard of this crew and in the afternoon I painted them. Although I have spoken in such rigorous terms of our employers I would not begeth throwing such acrimony on our officers, for there is not a craft in this ocean in which the men are better treated than in this one. There are privileges granted to us which are withheld by the most of the masters of other ships! Oh dear, the wind shifted at 10 in the evening and we tacked and stood S.P.W.

Saturday Oct 18th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
In the morning it was nearly calm and the topgallant sails were lowered but the wind freshened during the forenoon and they were hoisted again at 8 o'clock. Had a good breeze the rest of the day steering S.W. I began to learn John Shaw to read. Finished reading the 1st vol of Life and Voyages of Columbus.

Sunday Oct 19th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
Light winds steering S. westerly under all sail. The weather is rather hazy but pleasant. The wind for a few days past has hauled about 3 points to the eastward and fell back during the day. The nights are almost calm and in the daytime a moderate breeze springs up.

Monday Oct 20th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
Light and variable winds. Tied a course due S till 11 A.M. when the wind knocked us off to S.W. by S. Repaired mizen royal shrouds, put chafe gear on main top gallant backstays in the wake of the mizen top sail yard and cleaned the main top sail sheets &c. Broke out a cask of bread from the storeroom. We expected to get good bread from the new cask but are sadly disappointed for it is full of the bread worm which have perforated all over with small holes. Not a single piece is clear of them.

Tuesday Oct 21st Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
The wind continues light and variable. Tacked at 8 A.M. standing S. easterly. Painted the main top sail sheets and repaired the footropes to the jibboom. In the afternoon hauled a course S.P.C. Ratted down main topmast rigging. We are again in those heavy tide rips which appear to see all the year around in various directions. How far to the southward these extend I do not know. The first I noticed was in about 6 degrees south where they were heavy and could be heard for several miles in calm weather.

Ship St. Peter Wednesday Oct 22nd Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
The wind was light in the morning but increased during day to a strong breeze steering S.E. with a leading wind. Did a few light jobs in the rigging such as fitting mizen royal shrouds and topmast stay making footropes to the jibboom and fitting deadeyes for the jib guys. Numbers of flying fish came aboard in the evening.

Thursday Oct 23rd Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
In the morning fresh winds but at 4 fell to a light breeze with cloudy weather. Cleared S.P. Set fore topgallant sail at 10 past 6 A.M. Plaited a little sinnet and finished rattlines on the main topmast.

Friday Oct 24th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
The wind had hauled into the N.E. during the night and continued to blow from that quarter all day but very lightly. Steered close hauled S. easterly. Come up with the head rigging and unshipped the Dolphin Striker, put a new hook in it and shipped it again. Turned in and set up the derrick again. Ratted preventer jib guys and overhauled the fore topgallant backstays and renewed the service. Bad cold cutting.

Saturday Oct 25th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
Light, variable, and unsteady winds with light squalls steering so easterly. Large schools of fish like those seen on the coast can be seen in all directions with a large number of pinbacks among them.

Sunday Oct 26th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
Moderate and rather variable winds steering S.W. by S. A Barque passed to leeward this morning steering about W.P.W. Several finbacks came close to the ship to day and we had a fine opportunity of viewing them. They appear to have 3 spout holes but so near together that they are hard to be seen from a single spout. They are able to extend their tips to a considerable distance by which they perform the act of scooping which is done by turning on their side & coming suddenly among them. In this way they catch large numbers of fish on which they appear to live altogether. They also scoop up sharks when found among schools of fish. Took in the fore to gable sail at 6 A.M. In the afternoon the Barque came to the wind on the same tack as we are on.

Monday Oct 27th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
Tacked twice during the night. Tied S.P.W. till 8 A.M. then tacked and stood S.P. Set fore to gable sail at 5 this morning. Wind moderate and rather pleasant. At 4 P.M. a large bone shark came around the ship and stayed till near sunset. This is the largest one we have seen this voyage. Length 30 ft depth of hold 6 ft 6 in girth.

Tuesday Oct 28th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
Fine weather with variable winds. Steered E.S. by E till 10 past 10 A.M. when we tacked and stood to the southward. Lowered sail. Put chafe gear on mizen to gable backstay and repaired tackle blocks. In the evening gammed with the Barque U. States. Left Pophams Pt. Has now 150 sperm oil on board.

Wednesday Oct 29th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
Tied easterly with small breezes. Overhauled and set up the main stay & lashed sinnet.

Thursday Oct 30th Lat 34° 14' N Long 114° 58' W
A little after sunrise raised to Lone Bull whale. At 9 lowered the boat and in a little more than an hour our boat fastened to him and in 3/4 of an hour and took him up. He was 12 m. long. Commenced cutting at 1 P.M. and finished at sunset. Saw a sail station standing toward us. The larboard lost and helped with the whale. Mr. Fox went aboard his boat being lost.