

Ship St. Peter Thursday Nov 20th off Jennings
Hake and herring from the shore ship at 4 A.M. and stood
S.E. till 11 A.M. then S.W. till 3 P.M. then S.E. till 6
P.M. then S.W. till 9 P.M. then S.E. till 12 M.
Took in light sail. Passed about 13 miles S.E. of
Island at 10 A.M. About that time a small owl came on
board and lit in the fore futtock shroud. Shaw caught it
and we tied it by the leg to the cabin gangway. All sail set.

Friday Nov 21st Nov 4. 25. 1
Set all sail at 6 A.M. standing S on the wind. Put a piece
of iron hoop around the patent rig on the windlass which
has been broken since we took the large whale on the
coast. Rigged and strapped blocks for spanker boom guys.
We are now making a passage around the banks which
will take us about 8 days. Tacked at 6 P.M. and stood S.W.

Saturday Nov 22nd
The wind continues light from N.W. standing S.W. and
under all sail. There is a long ground swell on sitting
about W. At sunset Braslin bore S.W. about 15 miles distant.
This evening the skipper and mate had a round turn. The
about the men eating so much grub. He thought that 5
lbs of meat the amount accured per month since we have
been out was too much. Old logs were then overhauled and
their contents argued upon for 8 con. The result is not known.

Sunday Nov 23rd
Tacked at 8 this morning and stood S.W. with a variable
and unsteady breeze from the N.W. At noon we were about 25
miles N.E. of Braslin. Tacked and stood off to the Northward.

The "old man" had another round turn with the Steward this
morning about grub. The ~~unpleasant~~ old crew seems to want
us to live on nothing nearly the same as we have lived
on for the past 3 or 4 months. When we first came out a
number of bushels of turnips and a quantity of pumpkins were
left to rot rather than give them to the men, and since we have
been out here no recruits of sweet potatoes have been left in
the nettings to spoil rather than the men forward should have
them to eat. Such men should have their teeth pulled out
and fed on slops. Raised a sail on the lee bow at 6 P.M.

Monday Nov 24th off of Seychelles 800
Specially with fresh winds from N.W. by W. Tacked at 8 this
morning and stood W by S. At daylight a bark was about
4 miles ahead of us. Both vessels made all sail and we had
as much breeze as we could snub to and it was a light
race but the "old saint" proved to be the best sailor
for we overhauled her about 1/2 past 10. At this time a hard
squall came on and we were obliged to take in light sail and
blew down topsails. After the squall had subsided a little
the Barque set the blue flag. Whiteman's signal and Captain
went aboard. Found her to be the Barque William Henry
of Warren R. S. Captain J. C. master. 17 mms out 300 spms.
At 3 P.M. the Barque George Captn. Gifford ran off and Gifford
went on board the W. H. C. The Barque is now about 9 or 10 mms
out with 350 spms. Both Barques are bound into port at
Seychelles. The afternoon continued squally and rainy. At
8 made sail on the ship at 3 P.M. but took it in again at 6 &
double reefed topsails and pulled the mainsail.

Tuesday Nov 25th
Strong breezes from N.W. steering S.W. by S. close hauled.
Rope new main lead line and whips to the main buntlines.
At 4 P.M. the W. Henry passed to the leeward standing
We tacked at 6 and stood N.W. by N. Took in light sail
and stood N.W. by N. and hauled in 1/2 of the main sail.

Ship St. Peter Wednesday Nov 26th Seychelles 800
Pleasant weather and fresh breezes from N.W. steering S.W.
under all sail. Now the heavy weather has come on again. The
ship makes considerable water, so much that we are obliged to
pump twice in 24 hours amounting to 6 or 800 strokes. The
is on the weather quarter with all sail out. Tacked at 3 P.M.
and stood S.W. by S. At sunset the old Barque is on the lee quarter.
Began making new futtock shrouds for topmast rigging fore
and aft. There are homeward bound things. Tacked at 10 P.M.

Thursday Nov 27th
Light and variable winds steering westerly. Carpenter repaired
top fore, and after lower hatches. Old barque out of sight.
Braslin bears S.W. 35 miles distant. Stood in till 10 o'clock in the
evening when we tacked and stood off to the northward with a very light
breeze. Harry is making sinnet for a work up job. Dipped hose and stuff for
Friday Nov 28th

The wind continues light and rather variable from N.W. spoke at
8 A.M. and stood northward. At sunset, headed N.W.
There is but little to do now about the rigging so we are
making "homeward bound" rigging. Finished futtock shrouds.

Saturday Nov 29th Nov 4. 25. 1
Light and baffling winds steering northward till noon then
tacked and stood in to the west and this morning set the
main hold. Hereafter it will be done once a week. The ship
does not leak but little this light weather pumping only
about 300 strokes per day. A small hawk came aboard at 3 P.M. and caught
a fish.

Sunday Nov 30th
We are N.E. of Jennings Island about 60 miles steering S.W. with
a light and baffling wind under all sail. Old November
is passed again but it brings no frost and snow with it.
The weather is warm and pleasant as in the midsummer of
the northern climates. I have almost forgotten the seasons
because the weather here is so warm as December.
About 10 A.M. raised breaches on the weather beam and at 12
lowered the boats. We could not see spouts from aloft at the
time but after an hour's strong pulling we raised them from
the boats. The 3 boats soon got fast and the Carboard and West
turned their wharves up in a short time but ours run and sailed
for 3 hours. The first iron broke and the second held by only 1 flue.
About 4 P.M. the boats came up and fastened to the wharves and the boats being
fast he was pulled up in about an hour but I had left his
whale without waiting for him and chased the school but when
he went back to look for he could not find it and was obliged
to go aboard without it. Mr. Ryder took his whale along line
at 8 o'clock and we got alongside at 1/2 past 11 o'clock. He topped him about
9 miles. This is what draws the boats together in the summer.

Monday Dec 1st
Turned to at daylight and began cutting in. At 8 raised a
school of whales. At 9 finished cutting and lowered the boats
as quick as possible. We went on in about an hour and galley
them. Chased to leeward for 2 hours when Mr. Ryder fastened and
we went on but did not get fast. The whales went to leeward again
and in 1/2 of an hour went on again but did not fasten on account
of his parting the top iron. Shortly after Mr. Ryder got fast to one
and dragged another but a large whale bit his line off and we
were all hard up again. This took place a little before sunset
when the ship's band came along. We got aboard at 8 o'clock
after pulling 10 miles to windward. Braslin's boat came aboard at 9
Tuesday Dec 2nd

But in the whale in the morning and started the war head
down. Picked up a dead whale at 6 P.M. here. Whaler was
Nov 29. 1854.