

Ship St. Peter Sunday Decr 21st 1830
Squally most of the day standing westerly till
noon when we tacked and stood to the northward
Right sail was taken in during the night and set
at 6 A.M. We had quite a specimen of Kanaka ferocity
this evening while the squall at 4 o'clock was at its
height it blew off his hat but throwing his jacket
over it secured it and was putting on his jacket
when his hat blew off again and this so enraged him
that he took another hat and pitched it overboard
than his jacket. This rather cooled his anger a little
and he knocked off to find in up to over hat

Monday Decr 22nd
Unsteady and variable winds heading in to the West
at 10 A.M. gradually gaining on us. At 1 P.M.
it came up with us and we were a little surprised
to find it the old Maria. Capt. Moore the 1st day
but from Praslin their crew kicked up a fool's row
in port and tried to get the barque condemned
but they went to work the wrong way as the Governor
at Make clapped the dargers on them and put
them aboard and sent them to sea. The vessel is
probably not seaworthy but the men did not
understand the ropes so their plans were defeated
We took a man from her belonging to Joanna

Tuesday Decr 23rd
Moderate breezes and fine weather steering to the
Northward and Westward with the starboard tack
aboard the Maria is standing the same way to
Gambier and from there home Tacked at
noon and stood southward till 6 P.M. when we tacked
again and stood to the N.W. and W. again

Wednesday Decr 24th
During most of the day we had unsteady winds
accompanied with several squalls. Good about 11 A.M.
all day. In the evening we barrowed the Captains flock
and had quite a pleasant time for Christmas Eve.
But I had the hardest time afterwards for when I turned
out at 10 o'clock to stand the middle watch there was
a very dark squall extending from the weather to
beam around to the lee bow. We had hardly got
our eyes trimmed before it came like a whirlwind
striking us on the lee bow and rained ~~lashing~~ us
back almost carried away our light spars. We got
the light sails in in a jiffy and hauled up the main
sail and spanker. The old man rushed on deck
but finding everything all right turned in again.
The squall is the hardest I have seen for a long time.
The rain poured down in torrents and the quick flashes
of lightning blinded us at every step while the almost
continued rattling of the thunders almost deafened
us. Furlled the light sail just before 10 o'clock
C. Starley to the main top gallant sail and John Parker
to the fly jib. This is keeping Christmas eve with a
will I must not forget to say that Harry Miller did

Thursday Decr 25th
At 6 A.M. creaked on all sail standing about 10
with as much wind as we can take and of from W. N. W.
Have new fore top sail braces and standing part to the
fly jib halliards. Weather pleasant. Also made a list
of names. Evening squally. Single reefed the topsails

Ship St. Peter Friday Decr 26th 1830
Fresh winds and cloudy weather steering close hauled
to Westward with main top gallant sail and fly jib. Broke
out a side of tar from the fore hold. Thopping block
for studding sail gear is the general business on hand.
At 10 past 10 A.M. a severe squall struck us carrying away
our main top gallant sail and tearing the fly jib. John
and myself went up and sent down the sail which we
mended this afternoon. At 11 double reefed fore and main
and single reefed the main topsail. At 1 P.M. the wind
fell and it was nearly calm the rest of the day. Weather
cloudy with light showers. A barque is close to on the lee

Saturday Decr 27th
Turned the reefs out of the topsails at 6 A.M. and at 8
set main top gallant sail and fly jib. Tacked several times
during heading about 11 A.M. On the evening it came on
squally took in fly sail. began mending the after hold

Sunday Decr 28th
Squally weather with variable and unsteady winds. The ship
got aback several times this morning and the deadlights
being open the cabin was flooded 3 or 4 times or more.

Monday Decr 29th
Broke out between decks and two bottles of canvas from
a sail cask and sewed ~~it~~ together to put in the foremast.
At 11 past 11 the barque Hector ran off across our stern
and we had a gam. At 1 P.M. it came on to rain and rained
without stopping till 4 P.M. Clewed down topsails at 11
and double reefed at 4 P.M. Fine weather for gamming.

Tuesday Decr 30th
Sent down the foremast and began to mend it.
But it came on to rain at 1 P.M. and we was obliged
to knock off for the rest of the day. In the morning
the wind was fresh from N. steering W. with main top
gallant sail and flying jib out. But when it came on
to rain the wind became variable. Took in light sail
at 1 P.M. and double reefed topsails and furlled the
main sail at 4 P.M. Evening cloudy but no rain.

Wednesday Decr 31st
Finished the foremast and bent it at 10 A.M. The weather
continues squally with variable and unsteady winds
from the northward steering the following courses viz
W till 10 past 9 W till 10. & S till 11 till sunset when
we luffed to the wind heading about W. N. W. Sent in
the jib at 5 P.M. and stowed it in the storage so we
have nothing out but double reefed topsails and
foremast. Starboard watch below from noon till 4
P.M. and starboard boats crew the first watch out
Evening cloudy but without rain. This year we
have taken 13 whales which stowed us 430 bbls.
Have spoken 11 barques and 1 ship and have been
gamming 18 times. Have lost 1 man by drowning and
1 discharged on account of sickness. The health
of the crew has been generally good. As for myself
I have not been sick a single day. Another year has
drawn to its close and still we are preserved from danger
and sickness and are all fondly hoping that before another
year rolls round we shall be enjoying ourselves at home