

Ship St. Peter Saturday May 15 of Aldabra
It continued squally during the night and this
morning it came on to pipe pretty loud. Double reefed
the topsail at 7 this morning and at 9 took in the
mainsail (being partly split) foresail, fore topsail, jib
and spanker (being partly split) leaving nothing on her but
double reefed main topsail and that was double reefed
at noon and the wind increasing fearfully was taken
in as soon as reefed so that at 1 P.M. we were under
bare poles and the wind howling fearfully. The last
had been hoisted about 11 past 12 A.M. At 2 P.M. the
wind began gradually to decrease and had fallen so
much that we put close reefed maintop sail and foresail
on her at 6 o'clock. Parted the tack and sheet and bent
new ones taken from the mainsail. S.S. 8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100

Sunday May 16th Sat 8-42-8
We have a smashing breeze from E.S.E. steering S.W. till
noon when the course was altered to S.W. making full
6 knots under double reefed topsails and foresail
I have my watch below stopped for a week because
I lost a pretty piece of rattling stuff from a shelf
this is cramping a man because he is where he can't
get away. Lowered the boats down and got the lines on the
beach.

Monday May 17th Sat 10-06-8
The wind hauled a little to the southward and
we held a course due S till 10 A.M. when she was
heft off to S.W. by 1/2 under whole topsails, fore course
jib & spanker. Sent down the main top gallant sail
and mended it, sending it up again at 2 P.M. bending
buntlines to it. Sent down the old mainsail and bent
a new one at 4 P.M. Bent new fore & main ~~clew~~ lines
garnets and mizen topsail clewlines. Took in the main
sail at 12 past 1 and at 10 double reefed topsails.

Tuesday May 18th Sat 11-17
Hauled aback at 2 this morning but threaded forward
at sunrise and stood S.W. by 1/2 under double reefs
courses, jib & spanker. Sent down and mended
the main top sail. Rove new main topsail clewlines
fore & clewlines - buntlines - reef tackles, fore buntlines and
berch lines - jib halliards and downhaull new rig
At 5 P.M. came to the wind on the starboard tack heaving
to. Taking in all but close double reefed main topsail and
foresail. Wind fresh and strong from E. pitching some.

Wednesday May 19th Sat 10-06-8
Fresh winds with occasional squalls steering N.E. by
under double reefs foresail & jib. Sent down and
mended the fore topsail bending it at 11 past 1 P.M.
and set it double reefed. In the evening took in the jib.

Thursday May 20th
Sighted the Crismoleto islands at daylight and at
6 o'clock off to N.N.W. We stood in to the westward during
the forenoon passing several low sandy islands connected
by reefs. About 11 A.M. came to off a large island covered partly
by small timber. Lowered the foreboard and waist boats and
pulled ashore. The waist boat came off directly but the foreboard
boat catching a large green turtle.

Ship St. Peter Friday May 21st Sat 10-06-8
Blow with a strong breeze under double reefed
topsails courses jib & spanker. But and fitted new
main and fore sheets sewing the main and stowed the
fore - also rove new main top gallant sheets with whips -
beehauled and stowed the old rigging in the storeroom.
Wore at 5 P.M. and stood to the S.W. and to weather.

Saturday May 22nd
Blowing a half a gale of wind from S.E. standing E.S.E.
under double reefed topsails and foresail. Tacked at 6
P.M. to S.W. and took in all but double reefed main top
sail and fore sail and hose her to.

Sunday May 23rd Sat 9-15-8
The breeze still holds strong from S.E. steering S.W.
under double reefs - courses. Weather pleasant but cool.
Monday May 24th
Unsteady winds from E.S.E. steering S.W. Rove main
top and fore top gallant eye ropes. Piped Aldabra at
at 1 P.M. and at 6 made Assumption. Towed the
starboard boat and pulled ashore for turtle taking with us
grab to stay all night. We got ashore and hauled the boat
up on the beach just as the sun was setting. During the
evening we turned up 6 turtles and found 3 more turned up
by 3 men stopping here. About midnight we turned in. Some in
the hut and the rest in the boat and under the boatsail.

Tuesday May 25th
We turned out about daylight and found it nearly calm
and no ship in sight. Took the boat and brought most of
the turtle to the landing and hauled them up on the beach.
During the morning we shot some pigeons and other birds and
getting a kettle made a pigeon stew for dinner. At night we
got the rest of the turtles together and hauled them up. I
should not forget to say that we dug 16 eggs out of the sand
just in time to have some for dinner. We killed 3 turtles at
sunset and made a feast but saw nothing of the ship.
In the evening the darkness turned up one turtle.

Wednesday May 26th
Just at daylight we saw the ship pass the point of the
island. We got our breakfast cooked as quick as possible and put
the turtle in the boat intending to start for the ship but
she stood to the S.W. out of sight so we took the boat
5 miles farther up on the beach and anchored her just
off the hut and went ashore. After dinner I went the other
side of the island and saw the ship about 18 miles off stan-
ding to the westward. I hurried back and after some little
delay got under way and put for the ship with 1 turtle
aboard. We got along nicely at sunset running for the ship
and seeing the boats mast & so on. After that held a course
of E. under all sail. Wind freshened at 11 and took in jib & fore
sails.

Thursday May 27th Sat 10-06-8
We have a rousing breeze to day from S.W. steering S.E.
In the morning lashed & spar to the weather sail and put
the turtle there to keep them from scuttling around decks.
Took up the old mainsail.
Took in main top gallant sail at 9 A.M. and sighted the
point of the island & double reefed
tacked the mainsail at sunset.