

Ship St. Peter Friday May 2nd 1850
To day the wind is unsteady and variable from the south steering So Easterly an S wind. Weather cloudy. Set up lee main topgallant backstays and shrouds and let down backstays. Let chafe gear on the lee top mast & topgallant backstays. Turned the reefs out of the topsails and set main topgallant sail and fly jib. In the evening it came on squally let & took in fly jib and main topgallant sail and at 10 double reefed fore and main topsails.

Saturday May 3rd 11.28
It blew so fresh this morning that we ~~double~~ reefed the main topsail at daylight. At 1 P.M. kept off from S. P. M. to W by S and turned the reefs out of the topsails set main topgallant sail and fly jib. At 3 P.M. the wind fell and hauled to W knocking us off to N. N. W. In the evening it came on squally took in light sail furling the mainsail and tacked to E. N. E. Saw ashore islands bearing W by N 7 P.

Sunday May 30th 11.15
Cloudy weather and variable and unsteady breezes. Tacked at 8 this morning and stood S P. W. but at daylight the wind knocked us off to N. N. W. and at 6 tacked to E. N. E. on pumps ship this morning we pumped out about 8 bbls of oil. A large cask has probably burst in the lower hold. In the afternoon and evening held the course of S. E. by E. going free.

Monday May 31st 11.08
Light and unsteady breezes from the eastward steering W by N till noon when the course was altered to S. W. by S. Broke out and restored the fore hold between decks. Taking out some shoals for water casks bread casks. The bread is mouldy and not fit to eat. Raised a sail at 11 A.M. astern and is now at 3 P.M. plain in sight off the deck. The sails like a duck. In the evening it came on squally with buffing winds tacked to S by E. At sunset the craft was about 6 miles off on the weather beam. A Barque.

Tuesday June 1st 11.30
Stood S. W. by W. D. with a light breeze under all sail. Made spinnym and sunset. We are now bound to the island of Jodana. Saw nothing of the sail we saw yesterday.

Wednesday June 2nd
It blows a half a gale to day from the southward steering close hauled. W. P. W. Saw Jodana about 11 A.M. 2 points on the weather bow but for the hazy atmosphere we should have seen it at daylight. Took in topgallant sails and flying jib at 10 A.M.

Thursday June 3rd
We tacked to S. E. soon after midnight and at 4 o'clock set all sail although it was blowing very fresh. At daylight tacked to W and took in fore topgallant sail and parted the foot of the fly jib but it was soon fixed and set again between 10 & 11. It was almost calm but it came on fresh again so that at 10 A.M. we was obliged to take the other topgallant sail & flying jib. We were within 15 miles of the E point of the land at daylight and at sunset it is out of sight on the quarter. About 18 miles distant bearing W by N. The sun sets behind it. Tacked at 4 past 10 to the S. E. and at 11 was off Jodana island & hauled on all sail at sunset.

Ship St. Peter Friday June 7th Tahanna
We stood off and on off Piddle island called from its resemblance to that useful article till daylight when we stood in for the harbor with a strong breeze. We were obliged to take in fore and main topgallant sails off the point and when we were in way up hauled to and took in main topgallant sail & double reefed the topsails. At 9 past 9 got a berth and let go the anchor in 33 fathoms of water. After furling the sails we rafted 14 casks of water ashore and filled them with fresh water.

While we was gone for water those aboard hoisted and a few casks of oil from the lower hold. We found the Barque Cornelio Cap'n Davoll's boat put short 300 spm. Clarice Cap'n Clifford 100 spm. and Richmond Cap'n Richings 9 mas. out of Cape sent home 80 bbls. Open from Fuzal. The Br. Brig ~~Richings~~ Cap'n J. M. Jordan came in with us. There was also a French topsail schooner lying here. In the evening we went aboard the Clarice where several of the vessels crews had come to have a game. We had a violin and the evening was passed very pleasantly dancing and singing songs. When I came aboard at 9 in the evening I was told that the Cap'n had a letter for me. It may be supposed I made a straight wake for the cabin and got it but what was my sorrow on reading it for it brought news of the death of a much loved father. With what painful interest I perused its contents I read it over and over again to convince myself of the dread reality that a dear parent had been laid low in the grave. But it is too true that face that would have hailed my return with joy is now cold in death. I would have wept but my feelings were so intense that I could not. About midnight I turned into my hammock to sleep but it was long ere this boon was granted me and when I awoke I was still in my dreams reading the letter over & over again. This letter has been better than 2 years coming. Years very with expectation for I had nearly thought my friends had forgotten me. At last it has come only to bring bad tidings.

Saturday June 8th
Contrary to expectation the Starboard watch was sent ashore. It rained most of the forenoon so that it was very unpleasant. The streets or rather paths were flooded with water almost deep and it was like wading through a brook to go through them. I came aboard at an early hour finding nothing ashore to amuse me. I succeeded in buying a pair of pants which I stand very much in need of. In the evening several boat crews were aboard of us from the vessels here and the evening was passed in singing songs - cheering yokes &c. &c. far my own part my thoughts were deeply engaged in scenes far away. I came filled my thoughts so that the song and yokes had no pleasure for me. I passed the evening alone on the bench but

Sunday June 6th
The Starboard watch went ashore on liberty. I took the cooks place while he was gone. Several boat crews came aboard and one from the Richmond brought me a number of books which were very acceptable.

Monday June 7th
Commenced breaking out oil from the main hold. Broke out the 2nd and top tier and coopered the 2nd tier and stowed it. We found about 15 bbls of the whale oil leaked out. The Richmond sailed on a cruise. Tuesday June 8th
Coopered and stowed the top tier on the starboard and broke out the 2nd tier on the starboard side.