

Ship St Peter Wednesday June 9th 1854
Continued coopersing the oil finding some 16 bbls more
that had leaked out. At noon the Barque Olisha Dunbar
came in and dropped anchor just ahead of us and farther
in shore. She is 12 months out with 450 spm. Capn. Ellis
of the George Postes is master. We dropped a boat aboard
to get letters and papers and invite Capn. Ellis to dinner.
Thursday June 10th

Finished coopersing and stowing the oil this morning at 4
and during the day took off the case of water, 17 pikes
I was pulling around to different ships and ashore all day
and at night took off a boat load of tara and a billock.
At 8 A.M. the Barque Batherwood Capn. Allen came in
and dropped anchor alongside the Olisha Dunbar. She is
now 17 months out with 450 spm. Has taken a cow and a
calf since we saw them off Cow Island. In the evening a
boat crew came aboard of us from the Olisha Dunbar.

Friday June 11th
Finished getting off and stowing the water after which
John Theodore, Joe, a Jim, Tom, went ashore and had
a fine wash and got the dories to wash all our clothes
another boat crew went ashore with some boards and brought
off a boat load of tara. The captains of all the ships in
the harbor took tea aboard of us this evening yet Winston
the English brig sailed early this morning bound to San Francisco
A couple of men came away from the Dunbar last evening
and went aboard of her but Capn. Ellis went aboard and
took them again and put the dories on them.

Saturday June 12th
Just after midnight the Batherwood dragged
her anchors and passing close to us drifted out to
sea. They managed however to get her anchors on the bow
and get sail on her so that at 4 this morning she was
back to her old anchorage again having split both yibs
in the scrape. On board of us the Starboard watch went
ashore on liberty and the other watch sent down the fore
topgallantmast and repaired the trestle trees. As far
myself I cruised around till I bought a fathom of white drizzle
and a sheath knife and came aboard in the Marcella
boat at 11 past 3 P.M. At 4 sent up and rigged the fore
topgallantmast. In the evening I went aboard the Batherwood
with Mr. Lee and the 3d mate of the Clarice. The wind blew off.

Sunday June 13th
It began to rain about 3 o'clock this morning and rained
powerfully till 8 this morning and drizzled most of the forenoon.
The water came down the mountains in torrents and the
water in the harbor was as muddy as it possibly could be.
Most of the day. Early in the morning it was calm and we
lopped the mainsail, mizen topsail and topgallantail to
to dry. Towards noon the wind began to pick a whole breeze
down the ravines but towards night it lulled again - furled the
sails at 4 P.M. The Starboard watch are ashore on liberty &c. &c.
On board the ship we stuffed ourselves with fruit all day.
The French schooner sailed early this morning bound to San Francisco.

Monday June 14th
It rained as usual 3 or 4 hours this morning but at 10 the
weather cleared up and was pleasant the rest of the day.
Took off 3 boat loads of Tara, pumpkins & calabos with us.
The Barque Marcella sailed at noon bound on a cruise
in the Channel. The Barque & 80 lbs of pork and our baggage aboard.

Ship St Peter Tuesday June 10th 1854. Feron below river.
At daylight we heard the welcome cry of "all hands turn
and heave up one horn shy" and although the rain was
pouring down in torrents I think that men never worked
with a better good will than that 95 fathoms of cable was ever
hove in quickness. We set the jib and let her drift out
till we got the anchors on the bow and then set the top
and courses. The fore topsail was split in setting it but
we harrin-bored it together again and set it after we got
clear of Caddle Island. Towed the cables at leaving the
turns around the windlass for we expect to be in Feron below
in a few days. After we got clear of land we hauled on the
wind heading N.W. The point of Kookilla ahead. At 2 P.M.
made mohlala and tacked to the eastward. At sunset tacked to
S.W. again. During the afternoon got the main and mizen
topgallantails and fly jib on to her and in the evening
the fore topgallantail. The skipper gave us our protection.

Wednesday June 16th 1854
Strong breezes from the southward steering close hauled
N.W. with a heavy head sea so the ship is pitching her bows
under at every sea. We carried on to her till about 3 P.M. &
then took in topgallantail and flying jib. The wind
continued to ride during the night.

Thursday June 17th 1854
Tacked to S.E. at 2 this morning and at daylight double
reefed the topsails and furlled the spanker. It blew a half
gale of wind during the day and it was as much as we
could do to carry double reefed topsails. Made reef
carings for the new fore topsail - pointed the ends of the
sails.

Friday June 18th 1854
The wind moderated a little this morning but it still
continued rugged. Furlled the rest of the topsails
at 9 past 4 P.M. Weather cloudy but without rain. Stood
N.W. The ship makes considerable water this heavy weather
and we are obliged to pump from 5 to 800 strokes every 12 hours.

Saturday June 19th 1854
Saw the coast this morning at daylight and run in till 7 and
then tacked to S.E. by 9. Tacking to N.W. at noon. Weather fine
with strong breeze from S. The coast along here presents
a very different appearance from any other place we have been.
Along the shore it is low land but back a few miles inland
it rises in high irregular peaks, some of them making a very
curious appearance. Some of them shoot their heads far above
the surrounding mountains looking like tall spires. There is
one in particular that lies directly ahead of us that takes that
form. The country is well wooded and from the numerous fires along
the shore I should think it well inhabited. Tacked to S.E. at 6 P.M.

Sunday June 20th 1854
Fresh winds and fine weather. Standing off and on with
short tacks. At 11 past 5 P.M. we entered the Bay at the mouth of
the Feron below river. It was so late however that we could not
come to an anchor so we tacked and double reefed the fore
and mizen topsails. At 8 we laid the head yards aback and got
the Starboard anchor off the bow - hauled up the cable &c.

Monday June 21st 1854. Feron below river.
We beat up the Bay till 11 A.M. when we came to an anchor
in 13 1/2 fathoms of water. In the afternoon bent new sails sending down
and stowing the old ones. The bay is large extending some 4 miles above us and
the shore there is still another extending about 10 miles inland.