

Ship St Peter Tuesday June 22nd at Fernand's Bay
There was a gang of men ashore this morning to cut wood and of
all the places to get wood that was I think this beats all I have
often heard of wood being so crooked that it could not be cut off
but I did not believe it till now. I saw it is like this it is certainly
a poor country. Took ashore 5 casks to get water but it was not till they had
half of the day that they could find any fit to use and then it was back
half a mile in the brush. The old man went ashore and got some ebony
in the afternoon. No. 2 took off a boat load of wood at sunset.

Wednesday June 23rd

Continued cutting and boating off wood. In the afternoon a
few of us with the Captain and Blair went to the head of the
bay and got a boat load of ebony. Took off 6 boat loads of wood
and nearly finished filling the water casks ashore.

Thursday June 24th

Turned out at 4 this morning and took off the raft of water.
Hoisted it in and stowed it at 8. After breakfast Mr. Ryder
took a boat crew and went up to the head of the bay for some
fancy wood. The Captain took John Shaw and Agent and went
out on the reef to get some coral. The rest of us stowed the
starboard anchor and got everything ready for getting under way.
The boats came alongside at 8 P.M. and as soon as the men got the
dinner we manured the windlass and the anchor was secured.
At our bow we stood out of the bay under topsails course jib and
main top gallant sail with a light breeze till we got out of the bay,
which we did just as the stars began to shine. The sea breeze then
took us and we luffed to the wind heading S.E. by E. We are all in high
spirits for we are at last. H. O. McLeod Board.

Friday June 25th Lat 18.06

Fresh breezes and fine weather. Tacked to west at daylight but the
wind headed off to W. and at noon tacked to S.E. Tacked off
our new sails all set well & we can sweat them up as fast as we want.

Saturday June 26th Lat 18.54

Moderate breezes and clear. Set all sail at daylight standing
W by S on the wind. Tacked to S.E. by E at noon. Nothing occurred.

Sunday June 27th Lat 16.41

The wind freshened a little this morning so that we took in
the fore top gallant sail at 4. The weather continues fine steering
W by N. At noon the wind lulled a little and the fore top
gallant sail was set again. The wind knocked us off to W. S. E.
There is a very strong current here setting to the southward
and that is the reason why we make latitude so fast.

Monday June 28th Lat 17.49

The wind played us the same trick today as yesterday. Took
in the fore top gallant sail at daylight and set it again at 2 P.M.
Steered W by N on a wind from S.E. by E. Got up some extra
rigging and began reeking the main rigging for a full day.
This retarded stuff makes quite a sensation for there are
several ways to splice it and there quite an eggling and
the knowing ones as to which way is best or right.

Tuesday June 29th Lat 19.04

Finished the main rigging and begun the main topmast
rigging and a few on the fore rigging. Put grommets on the
yards to hold on by when reefing and furling. In the morning
the weather was fine but in the afternoon it came on clear
and looked like rain. The wind blew fresh and I must
confess it felt quite wintry. We have a current setting S.W.
at 3 and 4 miles per hour with a variation of nearly 3 points
between the two. Took in fore top gallant sail at daylight and

Ship St Peter Wednesday June 30th Chan
Light breezes and fine weather steering S.E. under all
sail. Tatted down main topmast rigging and set up
larboard mizen topmast backstay. In the evening the
wind knocked us off and at 10 o'clock tacked to S.E. by E.

Thursday July 1st Lat 19.46

The wind continues light and weather fine. Tacked to
westward at 2 this morning finished reeking the main
topmast rigging. The Captain and Blair are hard at work at
their fancy wood getting out rolling pins chisel handles &c.
In the evening it came on equally with variable winds. Tacked
at 4 to S.E. by E. After that she luffed to W. S. E. by E. at 6 P.M. and
been eclipsed this eve. 1st full Friday July 2nd Lat 20.14
Unsteady and rather variable winds from the southward - stood S.E.
under all sail. Tatted down bowsprit jibboom and flying
jibboom gaff mizen & mizen topmast rigging. Rose starboard fore
brace jib and fore topmast stay sail. Bent 3/4 stay sail pennants
tacked at 10 in the evening &c. & broke out 3 lbs buff 4 lbs cord.

Friday July 3rd Lat 20.41

Fresh winds and pleasant weather steering W. around head of
Southard all sail set. Borrowed Horrocks' East India directory for
Captain W.H. Almy. In the afternoon it came on equally with
luffing winds. Tacked several times at sunset to S.E. by E. at 10 P.M.

Saturday July 4th Lat 21.30

In the morning the wind was strong but variable from the southward.
The coast was in sight from aloft at 8 A.M. Lat 16 we tacked and stood
in for the land. We are a few miles S of Cape St. Sebastian which
is in 22° 12' S. 96° 8' and a little to the S of Barazute Islands which
lie in 24.12 S. 96° 10' S. The land rises to a moderate height and accor-
ding to Horsberg is barren and sandy. There is a strong current here
setting S.W. about 1 mile per hour. At sunset we were close in to
land and could see the trees on the trees on the beach quite plain.
The hills are nothing but piles of white drift sand without vegetation
of any kind. These are the Barazute Islands from the chart.

Sunday July 5th Lat 23.02

It is almost a dead calm and what light breeze there is is from
about S.W. by W. steering S.E. by E. Cape St. Sebastian bears W
1/2 N. distant at noon. The sails are luffing against the
masts while we poor fellows are laying around decks doing nothing but
wish for a breeze. Cape St. Sebastian in Lat 23.00 S. 96° 00' E. 10 P.M.

Tuesday July 6th Lat 23.10

Early in the morning there was a dead calm but at 4 A.M. a light
land breeze sprang up from W. stood S by W. In the afternoon the
wind hauled to the northward. Tatted down rigging &c. repaired fore
mast.

Wednesday July 7th Lat 24.43

Light but steady breezes from the northward gradually increasing
with a heavy squall directly ahead. During the forenoon got out
standing sail gear and rode it. At 4 the fore topmast standing sail
at 8. Tacked at 9 and main top gallant standing sail at 13. Larboard
set up starboard main rigging. Lost sight of land at 8 A.M. to the
northward. At sunset altered the course to S.W. and shifted the
standing sails over to starboard side. Wind freshened to a good breeze.
Changed the watch this eve. H. to N. watch.

Thursday July 8th Lat 24.44

To day we have strong breezes from N. steering S.W. by W. after 8 P.M.
The old craft slips along like a bird to sea with her stern sails out.
At 3 P.M. parted the mizen top gallant backstay and took in the same.
At sunset the wind hauled and the sky was overcast with dark clouds.
Took in standing sails and braced up sharp heading. 9 P.M. after
dark. In 4 P.M. parted the main topmast backstay and took in the same.
At 8 double reefed - 10 P.M. main