

Ship St. Peter Wednesday July 27th 35.58
Fresh gales with frequent and heavy squalls. At 4 o'clock
reefed the topsails, in past & furling fore & mizen topsails and
at 9 past 9 furling the foresail and close reefed the main top
sail. So here we are again under close reefed main topsail fore
spence and fore topmast staysail. Each heavy squally roll
up from the westward and when the rain comes it seems as
if it would go through the skin like shot. In the afternoon
turned the boats up and lashed them, put spare gaskets on
the sails. The continued to blow hard during the day.

Thursday July 28th 35.58
This morning the wind fell and we set double reefed top
sails and codices at 6 o'clock steering close hauler. At 11
the wind continued to fall during the day and in the evening
it was light and baffling from the westward. Tacked at 11 past
5 to S.W. and turned the keels out of the topsails at 5 past 8. The
There is still a heavy sea running caused by the current.

Friday July 29th 35.58
Light airs and cloudy weather heading westward but making
very little progress. Broke out under from between decks forward
and stowed up. We are now off Cape Saguello but where
to the S or W do not know but probably to the westward of it.
At 10 past 11 we are again in the Co. Atlantic Ocean at 11 o'clock
broke sprang up from S.E. & set starboard lower fore topmast
and main topgallant studding sails. The breeze increased so that
when I went below at 11 o'clock it blew quite fresh, steered N.W.

Saturday July 30th 35.58
Fine breeze from N.E. with pleasant weather steering N.W. at
10 A.M. the wind hauled and we were obliged to take in the
studding sails and brace up. It came on to blow at noon so
that we took in topgallantails and double reefed topsails
so that at 9 in the evening we were under close reefed
main topsail fore spence and fore topmast staysail.

Sunday July 31st 35.58
It continued to blow hard with violent squalls during the
day. In the evening it moderated and we thought the weather
would clear up but at 9 it began to blow with redoubled fury
with heavy squalls of hail and rain. During the latter part of
the first and the whole of the middle watch the sea swept us
fast and oft so that our decks were covered with water most
of the time. This is what I call a grand reception into the
Atlantic Ocean. At 11 past 11 we were at 11 past 11.

Monday August 1st 35.58
At 9 this morning a vessel passed us sending before the wind
with a light set 15 minutes from the time we first saw her
she was out of sight to leeward. The wind fell at 11 so that we
set the fore topsail close reefed and wore around to N.W.
At 9 A.M. got single reefed fore and main and reefed mizen
topsails foresail & mainsail and gib on her. The wind is falling
fast but there is still a heavy sea on and the old ship tumbles
about so that I can scarcely write a word. At 11 past 11 set
main topgallantail and flying gib. Evening squally.

Tuesday August 2nd 35.58
Moderate gales and squally weather. Steerily any where from
N.W. to S.W. At 8 A.M. single reefed the topsails. There seem
to be an utter disregard to sailing the vessel on the part of
the Captain and Mate. The old man will sail away on his
old fiddle and the mate will tinker and the ship goes where
she likes. I have sometimes almost cursed the day that I
learned the cap. to fiddle. However we tacked at noon to N.W.
and the flying gib on past 11. The wind fell and all sail was set at 11 past 11.

Ship St. Peter Wednesday July 28th 35.58
Light and baffling wind from the north and westward. We
tacked several times this morning from N.E. to N.W. & back to N.W. &
All sail set. The weather looked rather hard this morning but passed
away during the forenoon and in the afternoon the breeze freshened
so that at sunset we had as much wind as we could carry
topgallantails to. Tacked to N.E. at 8 past 5 P.M.
At 8 past 8 tacked to N.W. At 11 took in fore & mizen
topgallantails. Weather squally.

Thursday July 29th 35.58
We have almost a fair wind of it to day and they are driving
the old ship straight through it. It blew a half a gale this
morning but we kept whole topsails on her and she fairly
goes through the sea instead of going over them. At 11 o'clock
the wind lulled a little and the main topgallantail was
set and at 10 to the fore and mizen. Saw a vessel ahead at
11 o'clock standing to the north and under short sail. We steered
N.W. with the starboard tack aboard. The wind died away
towards night and in the evening it fell calm. Topped the sail
at 5 past 11 mile to windward the ship. No colors were set so we
could not tell who she was.

Friday July 30th 35.58
In the morning had light and baffling winds from the
westward steering northward on the wind. Turned the boats
down and put the craft in them again. The weather is cloudy
and looks as much like a snow storm as I ever saw it.
Afternoon calm and clear.

Saturday July 31st 35.58
The wind hauled into the southward this morning and
at 8 o'clock set lower topmast and topgallant studding
sails forward and main topgallant studding sail. Side
The wind hauled gradually during the day to the S.E.
and at 10 in the evening shifted over the Rites steered N.W.
with light winds and fine weather.

Sunday August 1st 35.58
The watch were busy all the morning shifting over. The
studding sails and sending up another topmast
studding sail. The wind hauled to S.W. at 8 A.M. and
at 10 it hauled to N.W. so we were obliged to haul
down our studding sails and brace up the yards.
The wind continued to haul so that at sunset we
could head no better than N.W. On the wind.

Monday August 2nd 35.58
Light winds and fine weather. Tacked at 8 to N.W. &
at noon to N.E. & weather pleasant. Took the boat
on the house and put it on the waist boats cranes and
began fitting her up. Broke out 9 lbs meat & 8 of water
caught 8 porpoise this morning which is the first for
mote than a year. At 11 past 3 P.M. lowered the quarter boat
and caught a blackfish. Tacked to N.W. at 11 and at 11
to N.W. & 8.

Tuesday August 3rd 35.58
Moderate breezes from N.W. with cloudy weather steering
N.W. to S.E. on the wind. Weined blackfish blubber &c.
In the evening it fell almost calm and the wind hauled to
N.W. We thought land was in sight at 4 P.M. but it proved to
be Cape Cod Bay. However, land is not far off to Eastward.