

Ship St Peter Friday Sep 17th Homeyard Bound
Most of the day the sails were listlessly hanging from
the yards. The ship scarcely moves through the water and
we are all anxiously looking to windward for a breeze
which we were favoured with at 1/2 past 5 P.M. from E. & E.
steering N.W. & A Brig has been in sight all day to windward
trying to get to the westward In the evening she passed astern

Saturday Sep 18th Lat 17° 33'
Moderate breezes from N.E. steering N.W. & weather fine
and pleasant till 1 P.M. when it came on equally with
drizzling winds from E. & E. & steered N.W. & A. the
weather looked so bad to windward that the lower and
topgallant studding sails were taken in. At 8 only the
weather cleared up and the wind hauled to E. by 10 but
from laziness, carelessness or ignorance the 3rd mate let the
yards be braced up and never set a studding sail at all
as the first thing we had to do when we turned out at
11 was to haul in the weather braces and set the lower &
topgallant studding sails. The old fool however managed
to get the fore royal set a little before we turned out.
This is the man that has been boasting all the voyage how
he would carry on sail on the passage home. I am plenty of
Sunday Sep 19th Lat 19° 41' 53"

Fresh breezes from E. & E. with fine weather steering N.W. & A.
Saw a sail standing to the westward Saw large quantities
of gulf weed and large schools of flying fish.

Monday Sep 20th Lat 21° 18' 51.21
Strong winds from E. & E. with fine weather steering N.W. & A.
On hauled the deep sea line and done a few odd jobs about
decks. It is really reviving to have a good breeze again.
We have been looking so long for one that we almost
ready to give up and think that it would be calm
the whole passage. We are now 36 days from the line and
have made only a little more than 21° or 1288 miles and
only 50 1/2 miles per day to the northward. How earnestly
we have been looking to windward every spare moment
to see if anything was there to foretell a coming breeze.
Our anxiety has sometimes nearly amounted to madness.
To be so near home and then be put back by a
long calm seems to be almost beyond endurance.

Tuesday Sep 21st Lat 22° 32' 45"
Moderate breezes from E. & E. steering the old course.
The weather is very hazy and smoky which rather
indicates a breeze. Roused a E. sail a little on the
starboard bow at 9 A.M. and we are gradually gaining
her. At sunset she was 3 points on the larboard bow
and 13 miles distant. She is steering N.W. or N.W. by W.

Wednesday Sep 22nd Lat 23° 54' 55"
The wind got into the E. this morning and freshened
a little. Steered N.W. & A. One neighbor is on the lee beam
and just in sight from aloft. Got up all the old harpoons and
cleaned and tarred the shanks. Also all the old iron of all
descriptions that could be found in the run. In the after
noon and evening the wind fell almost to a calm. Hoisted
the fore topgallant studding sail to the main and
set lower and topmast studding sails on the larboard
side. During the night the wind gradually became
lighter. Somewhere in here we knew the long night overborne

Ship St Peter Thursday September 23rd Homeyard Bound
In the morning had light airs from S.E. set all the
studding sails forward and stowed down and hauled up
all the sails aft. He stood on in this shape till 1/2 past 11
A.M. when the wind hauled to S. and freshened a little.
Turned the watch below up and made all sail set the
fore topgallant studding sail on the larboard side at
the main and hauled in our flying kite and put the good
one out in its place. At 1 P.M. it felt calm, very calm. That
is to say not a breath of air was stirring. In the afternoon
unbent and stowed our flying kite away and stowed off
the casks in the storage. The weather is appropriately
hot and sultry. I have never felt the weather hotter
even when cruising directly on the equator. At 11
even when evening there was a little air from the westward
in. The evening there was a little air from the westward
Look in studding sails and braced up steering N.W. & A. by 10
Friday Sep 24th Lat 25° 08' 55.50"

Moderate breezes from the westward. Some of the time
we could scarcely hold our course. At 10 we were when
ropes in the afternoon it came on to blow fresh and we
took in the main royal. We had topmast and topgallant
studding sails a little while this morning but we were so
close to the wind we could not carry them.

Saturday Sep 25th Lat 26° 00'
In the morning we had strong breezes from S.W. by W. with strong
weather steering N.W. with topmast studding sail out. At 12 past
1 P.M. it began to rain and the wind hauled to the northward
and became drizzling. At 11 took a squall from S.W. that
carried away our crossjack yard and parted the main
topmast tie. This was done a little the quickest of anything
I have seen yet. We were just bracing around the yards and
brush us when they were about square and sent them whizzing
around fore and aft and crash went the yard and the
main topmast yard came down at the same instant
blocks tie and all. This puff lasted only about 5 minutes
and then it fell calm leaving us to pitch and roll about
most unmercifully. At 3 P.M. a breeze sprang up from S.W.
which soon increased to a fresh gale. Surled the fore
topgallant sail at 4 and set it again at 5 past 5.

Sunday Sep 26th Lat 27° 38'
The wind fell this morning and hauled around to
S.W. & continued to fall during the day so that at
sunset it was calm and we were almost rolling seaward
from under water. In the evening a light air sprang up
from the eastward and in the middle watch set the
topmast and topgallant studding sails on the starboard
side. A land bird came aboard this afternoon and it was caught and eaten
Baffin this afternoon.

Monday Sep 27th Lat 28° 56' 55.55"
Moderate breezes from the southward steering N.W. by W.
with lower topmast and topgallant studding sails out on the
larboard side. Finished the crossjack yard and cross
at 3 P.M. and set Mizzen topmast & topgallant sail.
The little bird they caught yesterday died this afternoon
as they had let it alone it would have staid in the ship
but this could not be. Their greedy blood were not satisfied
with getting a little bird that was weary and exhausted
from its long passage. Take shelter in the ship but they must
have it and make it a prisoner for the sake of having
it live there one short day and then die.