

Ship St. Peter Tuesday Oct 28th Homeward Bound Lat 26.51
Fresh breezes from N.W. steering N.W. by W under all sail as yesterday.
A bottle was seen floating past this morning and we lowered
the starboard boat and picked it up but did not find
anything in it when we was down we caught a small
fish in a patch of gulf weed on the bottom we had a heavy
shower and the wind fell nearly calm and continued
so through the night.

Wednesday Oct 29th Lat 22.48
The breeze freshened so that in the afternoon it blew
strong from S.W. At noon spoke the schooner
Prospero of Alexandria D.C. with a cargo of flour
and bread bound to Barbados. She is 9 days from Alexandria
and 3 days from Norfolk Va. lowered the starboard boat
and boarded her for papers but did not get any.

The wind increased so much that in the middle watch took
in the studding sails and sent down top gallant studding
sail booms furled by top gallant sails and reefed the only topsail.

Thursday Oct 30th Lat 31.20 Lon 64.28
Fresh gales from westward. Banded the fore and main
top gallant sails at daylight and at 8 took a heavy squall
and furled the main topsail reefed fore & main furled
mainsail jib & spinnaker. The weather cleared up at 8 A.M.
and we set reefed mainsail jib and spinnaker and fore
spinnaker. Steered N.W. by W. the first part of the day but
the wind hauled so much to the westward that at sunset
we could hold no better than N.W. furled the main
sail and jib at noon and set them again at 4 P.M. whole mainsail
At 3 P.M. Bermuda bore N.E. 55 miles distant.

Friday Oct 31st Lat 35.48 Lon 66.11
The gale continues unabated. Furled the jib and mainsail
at 4 and close reefed the main topsail at 11 past 8 P.M. We
have got as much as we can carry at this. The old ship pitches
her head all under at every wave and her timbers tremble at
every surge. In the evening the wind lulled and we got reef
out of the main topsail and whole mainsail on to her.

Saturday Oct 31st Lat 31.06
The weather is cloudy but the strength of the gale is gone.
Madge said on the ship during the day so that at sunset
we had main top gallant sail and flying jib on her fore
ship at sunset to 11. The wind gradually hauled to the
northwest during the day so we headed N.W. by W. at 6 P.M.
Through the night had strong breezes.

Sunday Oct 31st Lat 34.31 Lon 68.51
Strong breezes from N.W. steering close hauled N.W. At
11 past 10 A.M. 2 ships passed us standing to the eastward.
The one to the leeward had nothing out but close reefed fore
and main topsails double reefed main reefed foresail
and fore top mast staysail. The other had all sail set so we
set fore & main top gallant sails.

Monday Oct 1st Lat 35.01
Light winds from the northward steering N.W. At the
main voyal at 8 A.M. In the afternoon it came on calm but
in the evening a breeze sprang up from S.W. Set all the
studding sails on the starboard side. Through the night the
wind was fresh but baffling sea & swell.

Ship St. Peter Tuesday October 5th Homeward Bound Lat 26.51
At 6 this morning the wind hauled to N.W. by W and blew quite
fresh. Took in the studding sails and heaved up steering N.W. E.
At 8 took in top gallant sails. At this time the wind hauled and
knocked us off to N.E. and at 10 A.M. hauled to W. We struck
the southern edge of the gulf stream at 9 A.M. In the afternoon
the wind moderated a little but we have a heavy head beat sea.
In the evening the wind fell and hauled to the eastward. At 11 evening
headed our course N.W. by W. At noon saw Redford bore N. 73° 36' E. 33.7
miles distant. Roanoke Light N. 180 miles.

Wednesday Oct 6th Lat 36.00 Lon 74.44
Early this morning a light breeze sprang up from S.W. Set all
the studding sails on the starboard side. At 9 A.M. was on the
edge of the gulf stream. At noon spoke the Brig Montrose of
Portland Mo. 4 days from New York. Cargo from the roads. We
was loaded with rail road cars and a fellow said they had
a few potatoes and injuns. We boarded her and got papers dated
Oct 30. I could not find out where she was bound but I think
to some port in the Southern States. The breeze was baffling through
the day but in the evening it became steady from N.W. and freshened
steered N.W. by W. till noon then at the rest of the day.

Thursday Oct 7th Lat 38.51 Lon 74.23
Light and baffling winds from the westward steering N.
At 3 P.M. took in lower and top gallant studding sails and heaved
up the yards. The wind hauled to N.W. At sunset it hauled to
N.E. and the studding sails were set again. Through the night
had light air from the southward and westward. Saw down by look
Friday Oct 8th Lat

In the morning had moderate breezes from S. set the starboard
top mast studding sail and shifted the fore top gallant studding
sail to the starboard side at the main. Took craft out of
the boat and stowed it away. In the afternoon the wind
hauled to S.W. and in the evening to N.W. At midnight
hauled in the studding sails at 10 in the evening. Sounded
at 6 P.M. and got 35 fathoms sandy bottom. In past 41 was 35 fathoms.
Through the night the weather was foggy and cold.
Saw a large number of vessels outward bound. We got our
old carronade to fire for a pilot but did not have occasion
to use it.

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