

Ship St. Peter near the Cape of Good Hope

Thursday Jan 10th 1850

Moderate breeze & heavy swell from W & W. course S & by E. Mid & Lat. light breeze from N & W to S. Lat 37 10

Friday Jan 11th

Fresh breeze at & cloudy steering S & by E. Mid & Lat. rainy. Saw a right whale. Lat 37 36

Saturday Jan 12th 15 50

Wind came W & W. & suggests course S & by E. Mid & Lat. much the same. Lat 37 46

Sunday Jan 13th Long 18.6

Fresh gales S & W. Mid. moderate. Lat. calm.

Monday Jan 14th

Light wind from the E. & heavy swell. one sail in sight. mid. much the same. Lat. wind from N & W to W. & showers rain.

Tuesday Jan 15th

Light breeze from the N & W. mid. S & W. Lat. light wind & calm. Lat 33 3

Wednesday Jan 16th Long 23 10

Light wind & calm the bark in sight. mid. do. Lat. light winds that W. & pleasant sun fresh & whole feet. Lat 31 57

Thursday Jan 17th

Moderate breeze W & fine weather at 2 P.M. put off the boat for a right whale. The S.P. struck & was captured. The whale started off with the line. The other boat fastened to her & killed her at 6 tows. The whale & boat along side. Mid & Lat. much the same at "finished cutting the whale". Lat 37 35

Friday Jan 18th

Light winds from the S & W & fine weather. under easy sail. S & by E. boiling. mid. do. Lat. calm. Lat 37 26

Saturday Jan 19th

Moderate breeze S & W & a little rain. Mid. blowing on & some rain took in sail & lifted to under double reefed. M. top. & foremast. Lat. blowing strong. W & W. & a heavy sea (boiling) one of the sea birds washed over the sea. came in took the Medicine chest off of the transom split the table washed things about in the cabin & stateroom &c. I think my Miss would find it rather unpleasant had she been here with her babies about this time. The ship sailed about so we can keep but little oil in the pot & that black & sooty.

Ship St. Peter in the Indian Ocean

Sunday Jan 20th 1850

Came in the same mid. more moderate. sailing. Lat. do. & some rain kept off S & by E under double reefed top. mid. at W. Lat 37 36 Long 28 21

Monday Jan 21st

Moderate breeze S & W steering S & by E. Mid & Lat. much the same. bracing out & stowing oil in the M. hole.

Tuesday Jan 22nd

Light wind & fine weather finished stowing oil. W. M. M. mid & Lat. foggy. repairing L. Boat &c. Lat 37 36

Wednesday Jan 23rd

Light wind & calm. Mid & Lat. fine breeze S & W. Lat 39 23 35 47

Thursday Jan 24th

Light winds S & W. with some thunder & lightning a little rain &c. one sail in sight. mid. thick fog. Lat. sailing the watch sweeping lone course E & S.

Friday Jan 25th

Light winds & rainy. mid & Lat. variable winds & rainy. No M. M.

Saturday Jan 26th

Fresh breeze & rainy steering E. Mid & Lat. squalls of rain. Lat 36 21

Sunday Jan 27th

Fresh gales S & W & squally mid & Lat. more moderate & pleasant. Lat 34 23 44 54

Monday Jan 28th

Light breeze S & W & pleasant steering E & S & E. Mid. much the same. Lat. light wind & calm. Lat 33 46

Tuesday Jan 29th

Light wind S & E & calm. saw a finch. Mid & Lat. fine breeze from the S. steering by the wind to the E. Lat 33 30

Wednesday Jan 30th

Fine breeze S & W. S & E & good weather. by the wind E. mid. squall of rain wind shifted S & W. Lat. cloudy. Lat 31 52

Thursday Jan 31st

Fresh breeze S & cloudy steering at E by S. Mid. wind came to S. Lat. the same. Lat 30 42

Long 48 26