

# Ship St Peter off the Seychelles Isles

Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1850

Light wind & calm cut the whales & commenced boiling oil in sight

Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup>

Fresh breeze S.E. & squally heading to the E. land in sight

Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>

Squally & some rugged boiling oil all over deck (all hands on the a scoop & lifter) then some rain put out the fire for a short time

Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>

Came in rugged under short sail to the E. working (later finished) reached to S.W.

Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>

Light wind & cooperating catch to stock some sulphur bottom

Lat 4 12 56 35

Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Light wind S.W. land in sight put down 96 cbls sperm oil

Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lat 4 10

Fine breeze S. & pleasant most of the day in sight

Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fresh breeze from the S. went on shore at Frigate Is. got a few bananas & coconuts at 11 returned to the ship & stood by the main E.S.E.

Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>

At 4 P.M. saw whales breaching at 5 put off the boats. No struck & got stove. I took his lance & killed the whale. He got stove & sunk after this whale was dead 9<sup>th</sup> at night finished up the crew but did not get the whale or boat sent a boat crew to lay by the first whale during the night & worked the ship to wind to look for the other whale & boat at 8 A.M. found the boat (all knocked to pieces) & the whale at 11<sup>th</sup> took the other whale & boat crew to the ship. Lat 4 30 Long 56 30 brought Columbus in sight

Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather finished cutting & started the works later part squally

Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>

First part light wind & showers of rain spoke brig Columbus & let him have 4 bars mid & later pleasant (boiling)

Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather Frigate Is. W.N.W. 20 mi

Lat 4 48

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>

Came in under S by the wind to the E. mid wind variable later wind E.S.E. & squally put down 65 cbls oil in the main pots

Lat 4 48

Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>

56 48

Wind & weather about the same

# Ship St Peter off the Seychelles Bank

Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1850

Strong breeze S.E. & squally rain the land & finished in sight

Lat 4 40 56 30

Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Squally from S.E. & rugged land in sight

Lat 4 28 56 27

Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>

Strong breeze S.E. & squally (with rain) land in sight

Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>

Fresh breeze S.E. & smoky several fathoms & land in sight

Lat 4 9

Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>

Long 56 25

Moderate breeze S.E. & pleasant time & fathoms in sight

Saturday 15

Light wind S.E. spoke brig Columbus has seen nothing since spoke him last

Sunday 16 June

Light wind S.E. heading to S.W. at 10 A.M. Frigate Is. bore N 30 W dist.

Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>

Lat 5 2 55 45

Light wind S.E. & showers of rain steering to the S.W. Lat 5 40 56 15

Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>

First part light wind S.E. mid as later fresh breeze & pleasant put off the boats for sperm whales. No darts but the crew did not go in at 12 took up the boats

Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>

5 40 54 25

Fresh breeze S.E. at 2 came up with the whales down boats & took a young whale & came cutting the second. Mate was knocked out of the stage by the blanket piece & cut a long gash across his head but not dangerous

Lat 5 30 54 30

Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>

Fresh breeze S.E. employed boiling later squalls of rain

Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>

Lat 4 58

All this 24 h weather about the same finished boiling

Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Strong breeze S.E. & squally boarded the bark Sir George Anderson of Mayhe (formerly the Geo. Porter of N.B.) being at the African Is. & looking northwards

Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fresh breeze S.E. in the light on the S.W. part of the Mayhe bank

Lat 4 36 Long 54

Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>

Fresh breeze squally & rugged from S.E.

Lat 4 3 54 15