

Ship St. Peter bound for the Chagos Isles

Sunday Nov 17th 1850

Wind from SW to NW & squally steering at E.

No. 100

Monday Nov 18th

Fresh breeze from SW to SE & squally Lat 57th N

Long 62 12

Tuesday Nov 19th

Light breeze NW & pleasant steering E.

Lat 54th N

Long 65 31

Wednesday Nov 20th

Light breeze NW & clear weather course E. broke out provisions & coopered them

Lat 39th N

Thursday Nov 21st Long 68 16

Light breeze NW & pleasant steering E.

Lat 43rd N

Friday Nov 22nd Long 70 30

Light breeze NW & pleasant steering E. P. & E. till 12 noon & puffed to latter kept off our course. Myself at this time about heel out with my old complaints & one of the most severe colds I ever had at sea

Lat 37th N

Saturday Nov 23rd

Long 72 11 E.

Light breeze NW & pleasant course E. P. & E. made the Maldivas Isles E. N. E. 20'

Lat 7th N

Long 73 15

Sunday Nov 24th

Light winds NW steering SE

Lat 30th S

Monday Nov 25th

Light winds W to WSW & squally bound to the S.

Lat 8 50 S

74 41

Tuesday Nov 26th 26th

Light winds W to WSW & squally by the wind to S

Lat 2 41

74 33

Wednesday Nov 27th

Light winds from W to S & fine weather

Lat 3 45

74 18

Thursday Nov 28th

Light airs & calm caught a shark

Friday Nov 29th

Light airs mid light puff of rain later pleasant

Lat 4 10

74 7

Saturday Nov 30th

Light breeze SW to W headed NW through the night at daylight saw a large sperm whale down after him first he saw the boat & after him afterwards went up & missed him

Lat 4 10

old ship being in a very abject situation, lost her equilibrium long 70 35 & fell into the sea but fortunately received no serious injury & was raised by the crew

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Sunday Nov 30th 1850

Just past light breeze & light squalls of rain at 2 P.M. put off for the whale again but did not get up with him mid & later fresh breeze W & W & squally Lat 6 33 73 45

Monday Dec 1st

Light winds W & W to W & W & light squalls of rain at 1 P.M. saw the same whale struck & killed him & took him to the ship at 10 finished cutting later corn boiling Lat 4 6

(The smallest bone whole I ever saw) about 25 lbs

Tuesday Dec 2nd

Light winds NW & squally standing to SW boiling

Lat 4 34

Wednesday Dec 3rd

Light winds NW & squally at 6 P.M. finished boiling made much the same old ship sent out compliments for company in the morn found we had 4 visitors arrived during the night

Lat 4 49

Thursday Dec 4th E 3 lat

Light winds NW & squally standing to SW

Lat 4 49

Later calm

Friday Dec 5th

Lat 5 13

Saturday Dec 6th

73 20

Wind NW & squally standing SW at 9 A.M. run on a shoal & rounded found 7 fathoms tacked to N. (shoal Lat 5 50 + 73)

Sunday Dec 7th

Just past wind NW & squalls of rain mid do later shared off

Lat 5 5 73 28

Monday Dec 8th

Light airs & calm

Tuesday Dec 9th Calm 5 50 73 9

Wednesday Dec 10th

Wind SW with squalls & rain

Lat 5 00

Thursday Dec 11th

Wind SW & squalls of rain double reefed the top

Lat 4 31 72 30

Friday Dec 12th

Light breeze & squally from NW

Lat 4 57 72 38

Saturday Dec 13th

Light breeze SW with a light shower occasionally at 3 P.M. a boat went onto speckled banks & caught a fine lot of fish one sail was light later part saw the speckled sandy old slate Polynesian

Sunday Dec 14th Lat 5 15 72 38

Light airs SW spoke Berke (Mars) of it 15 lbs 60 lbs mid & later during the dash in light

Lat 5 15