

Ship St. Peter off the Cape de Noche Banks

Wednesday March 19th 1851

Westerly winds & good weather working to the W. saw a sail
coming N+E Lat 10 29 61 35

Thursday Mar 20th

All this 24 h much the same Lat 10 56 61 11

Friday Mar 21st

Last part strong breeze W N W. sea heavy squalls with
thunder lightning &c. Latter light sail & rainy Lat 11 7

Saturday Mar 22

Wind N N W + squally by the wind P M Lat 12 6 60 42

Sunday Mar 23

Locals gales N N W + some squally touches to the N.
10 23 60 42

Monday Mar 24

This 24 h much the same

Tuesday Mar 25

Light winds W + fine weather Lat 9 3 60 -

Wednesday Mar 26

Light winds W N W + squally and thick in sight

Thursday Mar 27

Light winds + squally broke ship W. 230 lbs saw
saw him later Lat 9 56 59 55

Friday Mar 28

Light winds N N W. standing to S W. See in sight at 7 put
off for sperm whales took one & sent him in Lat 8 58 59 19

Saturday Mar 29th

Light winds N W at 3 AM commenced backing Lat 9 17 59 6

Sunday Mar 30

Light and calm the sea in sight Lat 9 8 59 5

Monday Mar 31st

Light and calm Latter part breeze from S. Capt. Lee came
on board just before on board of him for home Lat 9 6 58 46

Tuesday April 1st

Began with a light breeze from S steering N W by W saw many
finches Lat 8 6

Wednesday April 2

Light winds N E. I. E. & pleasant steering N N W. Lat 6 57 56 38

Thursday April 3

Light winds N E 25 P. M. steering N. 5 42

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Friday April 1st 1851

Light and I. & pleasant steering N. Lat 5 19 Long 56 20

Albion & Mayhe in sight Saturday April 5th

Light and N N W steering N E. Lat 5 2 56 20

Sunday April 6th

Light and N N W in 25 fath water caught a few large fish. Ma
calm at 1 A M. The watch reported shoal water. I went on
deck & found the night beautiful the stars shined with splendor
& there was not a ripple on the water to break the monotony
of the scene, or prevent the bottom being seen distinctly although
in 11 fath water. I caught 3 fish & turned in at daylight at 8 AM
my men who had a line was fishing me soon covered the main deck
of various kinds but the sharks were so numerous as to break most
of the hooks & mostly take the fish off before we got him up unless he
were rapidly. The water was so perfectly clear as to see them take
the bait in 13 fath. Yagata 300 lbs N W. Lat 4 41 56 35

Monday April 5th

Light breeze from the S. M. & Lat 4 at Laigue W 30 W saw
large black fish could not fasten

Tuesday April 6th

Light breeze S E. the sun fifteen minutes high saw large sperm whales
at 9 AM saw them again part off the boat Lat 3 32 56 16

Wednesday April 7th

Calm most of the time & the sun beat down powerfully the
boats still chasing at 3 struck a large whale the boat the line
could not get up to him again struck another at 8 took him
to the ship Latter calm cut in the whale. Laigue S E W

Thursday April 8th

Light and E I E saw whale again ascended at one but did not
get fast. Ma showers of rain. Boiling Latter calm land
in sight at 8 A M put off for whales again

Friday April 9th

Last part calm still shone about 2 P M. Secured the mast
up to a whale & he started both ways against his head. A piece
of iron after chasing 15 miles in going to the ship took
a heavy squall of rain just to cool us off for the sun was
very powerful. Thermometer up to 88 in the evening but
at this point in the hot sun for mought but this is one
of the beauties of a whale voyage. With thinner rain Latter
calm finished porting the sail in sight & the Sole Position

Saturday April 10th

Light and calm. Pumped Water. Lat 3 37 56 16