

Ship St. Peter off the Maple Bank

Sunday April 13th 1851

Light and calm. Much in sight. Letter chased sperm whales did not get first.

Monday April 14th

Light and mostly calm still chasing sperm whales at 10 AM. The mate stopped at the bank & found two the tops of 4 or 5 whales but no letter for me. This makes about the sixth vessel since from home & no letters for me what can it all mean. Had my wife forgotten me entirely? no this cannot be but I'll give it up for now.

Tuesday April 15th

Light and calm. The V. in sight at 6 went on board & got some papers & took a look at the letters for I could be hardly satisfied there was none for me. Ah! Miss do you not know the value of a letter. Can you imagine my feelings when 19 miles from home & speaking vessels with letters for some of my men & whose friends live distant from N. Bedford. Letter stored 80 lbs in the fore hold.

Lat 3 30 56 12

Wednesday April 16th

First part light breeze S. Letter variable winds & showers of rain at daylight Dennis S. to S. W. 15 miles. The V. in sight. Lat 3 40 55 40

Thursday April 17th

Light breeze I saw blackfish most of the Maple S. in sight.

Friday April 18th

Light and calm Dennis S. to S. W. 15 miles at sunset boat went on Dennis for turtle & eggs. Saturday April 19th

First part light and at sunset a little rain. Letter coming.

Sunday April 20th

First part rainy at 1. PM. Laigue to S. W. 35 miles. Mate & Letter much the same.

MAN OVERBOARD

Monday April 21st

First part wind W & rainy James Parrell while over the board fishing lost his boots & fell into the water & the ship passed over him & a boat was immediately lowered he could not swim and as the boat approached him he sunk & a handkerchief and fetched him up. Thus he was rescued from a watery grave. Letter more pleasant some fresh & the land in sight.

Lat 4 16

Tuesday April 22nd

Wind S. W. with some rain. Letter squally & little fresh.

Wednesday April 23rd

First part squally wind & Letter mostly.

Lat 3 35 56 30

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Thursday April 24th 1851

Light breeze S. W. chased a sulphur bottom but did not get fast to him. Lat 3 29 56 25

Friday April 25th

First part calm. Letter wind fresh to S. W. to W. N. W. & rainy the Cape in sight.

Saturday April 26th

First part about the same. Mate rainy at 7 AM went on shore at Dennis S.

Sunday April 27th

Fresh breeze S. W. at 5 returned with 13 shot hogs & two deer and several fowls & coconuts &c.

Monday April 28th

Fine breeze S. W. & fine weather. Lat 3 35 54 40

Tuesday April 29th

Light breeze S. W. from the Cape.

Wednesday 30

Came in the same saw a porpoise at 10 AM. for turtle sent in two boats bought a turtle but found no eggs. The V. in company.

Thursday 1st May

Light breeze S. W. & pleasant. Crossing of Corin & Dennis S. plenty blackfish fresh & in sight. Grace May 2nd

Weather some spoked bark. Clear 16 miles S. W. also the Cape in sight.

Saturday May 3rd

All this 30 h the same. The two ships & land in sight.

Sunday May 4th

Light winds S. W. & pleasant. Poolan & Laigue in sight.

Monday May 5th

Light and S. W. First part strong breeze S. W. & cloudy. Letter light breeze S. W. Lat 4 33 56 18

Tuesday May 6th

Light and S. W. spoke bark Maria had taken 25 lbs since saw him last while on board but there a man and a native of Johnna. He has been off duty about 10 days and was almost without any perceptible struggle.

Wednesday May 7th

Light and S. W. wind S. E. land in sight.