

Ship St. Peter off the Mayhe Bank

Thursday May 8th 1851

Light breeze N & W steering to the S. land in sight

This is how the same Friday May 9th Lat 53 35 56 27

Light breeze N & W at 4 P.M. on soundings hauled which I caught a few fish for supper steered N by W through the night Mayhe & S. land in sight (Cooper more unwell) Lat 53 18 56 4

Light and pleasant course to Cooper confined to his berth with pains in his bones from effects of mercury Lat 53 32

Light variable winds same S. of S. the Cooper a rum sweat Sunday May 11th

Wind & weather much the same Tuesday May 12th Lat 53 28 55 27

Light breeze from S. shower of rain later saw the S. of St. Joseph Wednesday May 13th Lat 53 12 53 47

Light breeze S. E. land in sight at 5 P.M. the Cooper cut his throat but not dangerously as the knife was too dull and some time went to turn before the accomplishment of it Thursday May 14th

Light and S. E. steering for Portland to leave the Cooper Friday May 15th

Light and calm at P.M. S. land 10 miles off took a boat crew & started from the S. arrived at North Mid & later calm & rainy most of the time got some boxes oranges & a few pumpkins & returned Saturday May 16th

Light breeze (light air from W mid & later calm between S. land & S. of S. a bark Sunday May 17th

Light breeze S. E. at 10 A.M. came to anchor in 10 1/2 fathoms Monday May 18th

Light weather getting off noon & water carried the Cooper into business in charge of the Physician Tuesday May 19th

The same one watch on liberty the other spending in Wednesday May 20th

Light weather one watch on liberty Thursday May 21st

Weather the same one watch on shore at 11 P.M. the Cooper John Waples while sleeping on the rail by the bright stars dropped & rolled into the water & pushed to rise no more Friday May 22nd

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He was one of the best & strongest men in the ship. Liked as a shipmate & his loss will be much lamented by the ship's company

Light weather one watch on shore the other painting Saturday May 23rd

Light weather most of the crew on liberty visited the Cooper found him getting better paid the Doctor 3 1/2 dollars to visit him 6 days. Shipped a man here at 7 dollars per month Sunday May 24th

Light weather all hands on board as we were about to get under way George Gray fell from the fore top yard he struck rigging then the rail & finally went into the water when he came on deck he said he was not hurt but soon began to feel some pain though his bones were not fractured & not a break about his body I bled him & bathed him soon he began to feel better this is the second time he has fallen & it seems to have been through the interposition of a kind Providence that he escaped with his life Monday May 25th

Wind S. E. & fine weather steering to the E. land in sight Tuesday May 26th

Light breeze S. E. & pleasant at sunset reached St. John & later squally saw fish Wednesday May 27th

Light breeze S. & squally mid air later blowing fresh & rainy took in fore & main tops Thursday May 28th

Came in about the same later more moderate & morning still double reefed top & main sail at Mer. bore S. of S. Friday May 29th

Light breeze S. E. at P.M. took in S. E. Saturday May 30th

Light breeze S. E. bore S. of S. in sight Sunday June 1st

Strong breeze went ashore with 2 boats for eggs in bon-stell. D. & Scherries with nearly 2000 found at night early in the morning for them to be serving plenty spoken North Dolphin better 6 hrs 250 Monday June 2nd