

Ship St. Peter off the Coast of Africa

Monday Jan 26 1852

Strong trades at E. cruising for whales Lat 33° Long 43° 50'

Tuesday Jan 27

Fresh trades East E. & equally steering S.W. Lat 1.24 42 30

Wednesday Jan 28

Moderate breeze E. N. E. & pleasant steering W. Lat 1.49 42 50

Thursday Jan 29

Light winds E. N. E. & pleasant with strong tide rip Lat 3.54

Friday Jan 30

Light winds E. N. E. & fine weather standing to the S. Lat 2.18 41 57

Saturday Jan 31

Light winds at E. at daylight saw whale breaching at 1 fathom the boats & took one from whale & cut her in Lat 3.8 42 12

Sunday Feb 1st

Light winds & pleasant calm boiling Lat finished 2.08 42 10

Monday Feb 2

Strong trades at E. with strong current S.W. Lat 3.36 41 58 (rough sea)

Tuesday Feb 3

First part strong trade later moderate, saw a Dove steering S.W. the land in sight Lat 2.15 41 28

Wednesday Feb 4

Light wind. Leomin land in sight Lat 2.18 41

Thursday Feb 5

This day the same land in sight Lat 2.15 41 33

Friday Feb 6

Fresh breeze East E. at 8 AM saw two whales 10 miles off at 10 AM approached to land at 12 noon for the whale Lat 3.20 42 25

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Saturday Feb 7 1852

Came in moderate trades at E. boats in a school of whales took 3 & one or two went off sporting blood at 8 finished cutting one & towed the others through the night to the st. later rigged out the whale Sunday Feb 8th Lat 3.28 42 15

Strong breeze with a rough sea at E. at 8 AM employed cutting up the whale & bailing at 8 AM picked up one of the dead whales & cut him in Lat 3.47 42 41

Monday Feb 9th

Light winds at E. N. E. & pleasant finished boiling 3.29 42 33

Tuesday Feb 10th

Light winds at E. N. E. & pleasant cruising Lat 3.39 42 38 some of the crew complaining a little of the sea

Wednesday Feb 11

Light winds at E. N. E. & fine weather coopered the oil & 3 42 37 put away for Longelap provisions Thursday Feb 12

This day the same stored 100 lbs oil in the after-hold 3 36 41 50

Friday Feb 13

Weather the same steered W. S. W. Lat 3.59 40 45

Saturday Feb 14

Light breeze E. N. E. running down the side of Ponta Mia house between Ponta Longelap & the main at daylight squared away for Longelap Lat 5.4

Sunday Feb 15

Wind & weather about the same at 3 1/2 came to anchor in 7 fathoms water

Monday Feb 16

Weather fine with a light breeze N. E. but every other day whale I lie here has a light bofling mounds mostly from S. to N. with showers of rain but most of the time the sun shows fairly that it is to be seen in the street (if such they may be taken) is any thing but pleasant for its one of the most filthy cities I ever saw though a ship may obtain a good supply of refreshments here

Tuesday Feb 17th

Light winds from S. to W. at 10 AM the anchor & put to sea at

Wednesday Feb 18th

Fresh breeze from S. E. to S. W. & showers of rain at 12 AM point of Ponta Longelap at 12 noon with 15 miles