

last jail and passed on.

My attention was next directed to a grave yard close to the town on a low spot where were buried some years ago a part of the crew of an American man of war. They were some 15 or 20 in number comprising Midshipman and others who died of the African fever while on liberty having been sick but a few hours.

Over each grave. Stones were erected on which were inscribed the name occupation and time and circumstance of the death of the deceased. The whole were enclosed

by a neat white fence making a yard about 20 feet square on the corners crosses were erected which we no doubt intended to awake the regard of the inhabitants who are Catholics and insure its protection. It has at least been well preserved. This was a place of mournful interest. I had not time to look round much more for I perceived the Capt waving for me and supposing he wished to go on board as it was most night I went back to the town. Have had a warm day and consequently did not push my wanderings so vigorously as I might have done. There is but little to be seen here and as to feeding that is not remarkable either for quality or quantity.

I got some bread and coffee at one of the numerous shops where fruit is sold. With this and some bananas I satisfied my appetite. I got on board which was at half past 5 P.M. During the day the British Mail Steamer

left and also a schooner arrived loaded with fruit from some of the other islands.

Sept. 24th

This morning Capt. went on shore. Came off at 4 P.M. bringing a number of goats the only animals that are anywhere numerous here also some bananas. One man attempted to desert us here but made a failure of it. Shipped 3 foremast hands and took a passenger for Fogo which island we are to pass on our route. Shall doubtless leave this Island in the morning.

Sept. 25th Sunday

During the forenoon the Capt was on shore. About half past 12 M. having completed business returned on board. Shortly afterwards weighed anchor and with a light breeze stood away towards the southernmost islands.

Sept. 26th

A fine day. Wind E. by S. and light. Course S. I commenced standing watchmastering in the larboard.

Sept. 27th

Fine prospect of weather continues. About 7 this morning made Fogo and shortly after Brava. As soon as within reasonable distance from the former a boat was pulled