

Said it cleared of cloudy that is the rain ceased but the clouds remained thick and lowering. Soon after happening to get a glimpse of a school of Whalers not far distant lowered and chased them. But finding there was no chance for getting near them the chase was abandoned in a short time.
Lat $12^{\circ}15'$ Lon. $24^{\circ}34'$

Sunday Oct 2nd 1853

A very quiet Sabbath devoted in the usual way to reading and so forth. Set fore topmast and lower studding sails. Made ~~to~~ 2 sails at night just discernable in the horizon.
Lat $11^{\circ}25'$ Lon. $24^{\circ}20'$

Oct 3^d.

Another lovely day and warm in fact we are drawing perceptibly towards the line where warm weather may be expected. Gentle breeze N. E. Course S. by E. Met 3 merchantmen about a mile distant and a large English man of war. Staring N. N. W. with everything set. Looked to be a splendid specimen of naval architecture and showed a large spread of canvas. Hoisted our glorious stars and stripes of which we have so much reason to be proud in answer to the ensign of old England as it floated out to the breeze till she had crossed our water when we hauled down. Lat $10^{\circ}13'$ Lon. $23^{\circ}44'$

Oct 4th

During this forenoon had several refreshing showers. Afternoon clouds and rain both left us saw several sails merchantmen.

Oct. 5th

These 24 hours commenced fair and 2 sails just visible. At 8 A.M. light showers but at 10 clear and hot wind light and changing trades leaving us or we are leaving them. Course S. E. by S.
Lat. $9^{\circ}12'$ Lon. $23^{\circ}10'$

Oct. 7th

The last 24 hours were pleasant but rather warm for comfort in the sunshine as will be seen we have made but little Southern lately owing to light winds. This morning made 2 sails looked like merchantmen steering N. N. W. Afternoon lowered for Blackfish which with Whalers were seen in large numbers. Did not get one.
Lat. $8^{\circ}30'$ Lon. $22^{\circ}21'$

Oct 8th

Very clear and heat rather oppressive but not so as to prevent our making spun yarn and the wheel has been going nearly all day. Course S. by E. Towards night a large merchant ship crossed our bow probably bound to the Straits. Carried a large piece of canvas. Have a bad cold from sweating and careless exposure at night. Lat $7^{\circ}42'$ Lon. $22^{\circ}19'$

Oct 9th Sunday

This began with rain squalls which later