

P.M. and all hands were on the look out to catch a glimpse of it. The dark boom of the land however was only distinctly visible when unlike the lofty islands we have seen appeared to be only slightly raised above the horizon.

We stood in until half past 6. when we got a nearer view and then tacked and stood off on the wind N. W. by W. Lat $8^{\circ}14'$ Lon $11^{\circ}57'$

Sunday July 16.

Morning pleasant and wind light. Steered E. at day light and at 8 A.M. saw the town of ~~Ambriz~~ This afternoon nearly calm made but little headway. Approached the town however near enough to perceive two vessels at anchor there which were supposed to be traders connected with stores along the coast. Some bold cliffs and stately palms were also plainly seen. At 4 P.M. kept a N. W. course nearly parallel with the coast. Wind still very light Lat $7^{\circ}54'$ Lon $12^{\circ}50'$

July 17.

Calm and Cloudy in the first part. By the afternoon light airs and heat appeared heading N. E. A long stretch of land has been seen to day reaching from E. N. E. to S. E. points of the compass. Though at considerable distance groves of palms have been seen at frequent intervals along the coast. If this was Zankar land what a welcome sight would it be to us.

July 18.

Commencing with light breezes and ending calm. We made but a few miles along the coast towards where we are going for recruits. Got but a short sight at the land as it has been cloudy nearly all day. and no obs.

July 19.

Moderate gale Cloudy but pleasant with a strong current setting off shore. The water this morning began to change to a redish colour and gave us strong suspicion that we were near the mouth of the Congo River. Having got no observation yesterday and land to day being shut in by clouds could not determine fairly until we sounded and brought up red sand at 25 fathoms and this was quite conclusive of our whereabouts as the banks at the mouth are known to be of that color.

This afternoon the clouds lighting up saw the point of land called Padron Point the nearest seen from the mouth of the river. At 3 P.M. after sounding several times with but slight variations in the depth we came to 17 fathoms found the water quite fresh. The land on the northern side towards which the current slight by inclines was now plainly seen ahead as we slowly advanced. Minnows of foam stretched as far as the eye could reach formed by the river current and sometimes large islands of trees and soil are seen floating down. The current soon became so strong that we lost