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chickens and fruit and our decks are quite covered with wine and poultry while every convenient place is being stowed with the various fruits which they now offer cheaper than ever.

Canoes have clustered around in great numbers and came alongside within an hour. Besides the bay is covered with those fishing.

To day received a visit from the owner of the slaves who are chained on shore - a very courteous and gentlemanly fellow and seemingly intelligent and refined. When he got on shore he sent a thousand oranges as a present to the ship and also quite a number of chickens. I have been employed in making coops most of the day.

July 26.

To day finished wooding and we shall probably leave as soon as the wind and tide favors. Traded but little.

July 27

Finished taking our recruits and as we might for there is not sufficient room to store what we have got without putting it in the hold where it will not keep or leaving it exposed on decks. This is much the best place we have been to for such articles as we wish in recruiting and the largest supply we have yet had. The Congo fellows have nearly all left us having had an invitation to do so and there is only 2 canoes along at night.

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At 6 o'clock this morning got underway and with a light breeze stood out to sea. At 9 we were becalmed about 10 miles from the land.

About 1 P.M. a breeze sprang up and we stood away S. W. and were soon out of sight of land. To night very pleasant.

July 29.

Moderate gales and pleasant saw humbirds and several hawks afterwards but did not lower. For dinner we had a tall mess consisting of chicken stone and vegetables after which we had a glorious desert. Without doubt we shall live on the fat of the land as long as it lasts though at sea. We are bound to the westward under all sail. Lat $5^{\circ}23'$ Lon.

July 30 Sunday.

Cloudy and light gales but pleasant. Course W. S. W. Saw finbacks in great numbers. During the day Albion came round but our grains have given out and we could not get any. Lat $5^{\circ}54'$ Lon. E.

July 31.

No Change Lat $5^{\circ}50'$ Lon $9^{\circ}13'$ E.

August 1.

Fair Moderate winds from S. W. by S. and close hauled on the starboard tack weather changes Lat $5^{\circ}45'$ Lon $8^{\circ}09'$ E.