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August 28th 1854

Unpleasantly and ragged with high wind from the same quarter to obs.

August 29.

Found the wind considerably increased this morning and st. sails reefed. Laying too all day and a very uncomfortable time of it surging and rolling in the ugly mountainous sea with our deck constantly wet.

It has however been pleasant over head but there is no sign of moderate wind at hand. Lat 20° 16' Lon. 2° 34'

August 30.

Still lying too without change in the wind and sea. This is indeed discouraging weather as we can not go where we wish neither find anything to chain our attention for want of some kind of employment except books which have been read and reread. Another movement among the live stock calculated to thin them off has been observed this afternoon. Also had a sea hit for dinner. Lat 21° 29'

August 31.

Wind hauled a little more westerly no other changes. Lat 22° 56' Lon. 2° 40' W.

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September 1st

More moderate but cloudy wind from the eastward giving us nearly a south course on the S. tack with all sail. to do

Sept. 2

Fine gales from E. by S. and pleasant weather. Course about S. S. E. Though the wind is light really looks like getting along a little when we have it favorable. Killed 2 pigs. Lat 26° 36' Lon. —

Sept 3. Sunday.

A pleasant Sabbath improved in reading. Not long since I completed my task of reading the Bible through. I day have perused 10 chapters besides reading other books and papers would that we could get some late ones or feller's that we might get the news and also posted up about the folks at home and the many changing scenes they have gone through. Since it is the lot of all it seems to be doubly desirable to know of those we are so far from and cannot see. But I suppose we must wait the allotted time. I at least have settled into that conviction. Lat 27° 36' Lon. 1° 10' W.

Sept. 4.

Moderate weather wind slightly varying and light. Course about S. E. Made a sail on our S. hand about 10 miles off. Could not