

make her out but supposed however to be a Merchantman. Sent down S. I. G. sail and bent a new S. sail as we expect soon to be in rugged weather, we shall not need our light sails aloft while at same time strong courses and topsails will be indispensable. Lat.  $28^{\circ}15'$  Lon.  $10^{\circ}17'$  W.

Sept. 5.

No Change Employed in rattling and rigging fore and aft. Lat  $29^{\circ}40'$  Lon.  $87^{\circ}16'$  W.

Sept. 6.

Last night wind started up afresh and is now blowing a hard gale. Middle part some fair. Towards night wind increased so that we double reefed S. sails and took in Main sail jib and Shanker, and are now wallowing about in a heavy sea and not at all contented with this kind of treatment but can't help it. Lat  $30^{\circ}15'$  Lon. E.

Sept. 11.

During the 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> a heavy gale from the S. W. and to my thinking have been pretty considerably well tossed upon the huge waves. Yesterday Moderated some so that we carried whole S. sails. This morning a good stiff breeze from same quarter which increased till afternoon when we reefed down again and to night it is growing rugged and there seems no encouragement for better weather at

present Lat.  $30^{\circ}10'$  Lon.  $3^{\circ}00'$  E.

Sept. 13.

Have been rewarded with slight changes in our favour yesterday and to day having proved tolerably fair with light S. E. winds generally prevailing. Good weather as we advance S. becomes more and more rare so that whenever it does occur we make the most of it doing the thousand and one jobs about the ship and rigging. Some of our rigging presents a singularly bleached appearance in the absence of dry weather for the application of tar. Some of our staves have received a coat to day and others stand greatly in need. Lat  $30^{\circ}47'$  Lon.  $2^{\circ}30'$  E.

Sept. 14.

Weather continues quite fine. Saw killers. Nothing more. All hands are well and doing duty with apparent cheerfulness just before night 2 pigs died but they were previously starved. Lat  $31^{\circ}14'$  Lon.  $2^{\circ}34'$  E.

Sept. 18.

The 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Moderately fair and wind varying from N. to E. All hands busily employed. Yesterday and to day fresh gales cloudy and some rain with whole S. sails. Lat  $33^{\circ}37'$  Lon.  $1^{\circ}20'$  E.

Sept. 19.

No Change Carried No. I. G. sail Lat  $34^{\circ}46'$  Lon.  $1^{\circ}20'$  E.