

afternoon busily employed in tying off ship and the gurry sticks to everything it comes in contact with like tar. Lat. $35^{\circ}51'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}21'$.

Nov 16th 86-1.

Towards morning wind and sea began to rise and now lying too in a S.W. gale and rolling badly. No obs.

Nov 17.

Commencing as last 24 hours but ending more moderate. Made some sail leaving two reefs in A.S. sail Lat $38^{\circ}32'$.

Nov 18.

What a change During the night the wind died away and have had it dead calm all day. We have every kind here in the shortest possible space of time. Saw grampuses Lat. $35^{\circ}28'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}07'$.

Nov. 19 Sunday.

Moderate gales and pleasant and all sail on. I have been very much interested with my books to day. It is some time since I have had an opportunity for reading much. This together with such a pleasant day makes me quite cheerful. O if I could only get a letter from home that more than any other thing here would render me happy. But patience and bide a little longer. Lat. $35^{\circ}40'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}28'$.

Nov 20.

Morning thick with fog and a good breeze. Towards night wind changed to S.E. W. and weather clear. Saw a merchant ship steering N. Lat. $35^{\circ}25'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}30'$.

Nov. 21.

Wind from the S.E. and pleasant. Afternoon cited Tristan bearing W. 40 miles also made a sail a long way off. Lat.

Nov. 22.

Calm and clear. Island bears N.E. 30 miles. Looked for humpbacks but could get no where near them. No obs.

Nov. 23.

Pleasant gales from the N. steering westerly. The island to night bears W. by N. Saw a sail standing for the island.

Nov. 24.

Gloomy weather being all day cloudy and some rain. Stood in towards the island this morning and when sufficiently near manned two boats for fishing. Pulled in moved to the kelp and commenced operation found the fish plenty enough but not much sport in catching them in the rain. Got particularly wet and about a barrel of fish the size of mackerel. Saw a sail coming out from under the lee of the