

from our men be it said to his credit for many a one on that shore would have done it in a minute. Here he was taken soon after by the Council's orders. There is some talk of making a cock of this person and for the purpose of a trial he is released. Seems to be quite satisfied that he is taken and thinks he shall never attempt to swim ashore again.

He can't even tell for what reason he did so this time. The others are still confined and look mortified enough at being caught - Both Portuguese. Sent up 11 G. yards and bent sails. Have cleared from the fort and will leave as soon as wind and tide favors.

Steam now quite well again and have worked nearly all day.

March 25 Sunday

All hands were mustered early this morning to heave up the tide being in favor. Had very light wind got out a kedge and warped past the fort when a breeze sprang up fresh and nearly ahead. Made all sail brace up sharp and after a few short tacks fetched out where we could make a good business at beating and about 11 A.M. cleared the passage. The land to night bears all the way from N. N. to S. W. Course E. S. E. Got anchors on the bars stowed chain and divided watches having now 7 men in each. After this was done Capt. called at the men in confinement - and after threatening

them with severe punishment for future disobedience and making them promise to faithfully and cheerfully perform their duty hereafter released them without chastisement. We shall now shape our course for the western islands and I am not sorry to get away from this coast since we have not enjoyed much of liberty and probably should not had we stayed longer.

March 26.

Strong breezes from the N. E. and fair weather. Close hauled on the S. tack. Wind and sea increasing to night took in S. G. sails. Lat. $28^{\circ}25'$ Lon. $46^{\circ}16'$.

March 27.

No change. Lat $29^{\circ}24'$ Lon $44^{\circ}03'$

March 28.

Wind hangs in the same quarter but very rugged and considerable spray flying over. Double reefed last night. At night saw a large ship steering S. W. with a fair wind. A heavy press of canvass on. She passed astern of us and out of sight just before dark. Lat. $29^{\circ}55'$ Lon. $42^{\circ}07'$.

March 29

Still rugged and no change in the wind. Are very anxious for a fair breeze. Last night carried away one of the fore top sails.