

So that we have it a little free. Precisely what we want only not enough of it getting up Studding sails Lat $16^{\circ}38'$ Lon. $29^{\circ}57'$

April 21st 1855

Glorious weather and have got quite a cloud of canvass on the bow. Last night set $\frac{1}{2}$ T mast Studding sail and a lower one today a fore and main $\frac{1}{2}$ T Studding sail. Though the wind is light she glides swiftly over the water. The sail in light yesterday is by this time long way astern Lat $14^{\circ}01'$ Lon. $29^{\circ}44'$

April 22 Sunday

Last night had it squally which kept us pretty busy hauling down and hoisting up Studding sails. At $\frac{1}{2}$ this morning fly jib & guy parted spliced and set up again. This forenoon met a Brig steering S. S. W. another just after dinner steering about the same. Afternoon steady breeze from S. E. by E. the trades. All sail out Lat $11^{\circ}08'$ Lon. $29^{\circ}34'$

April 23.

Course S. E. by S. No other change Lat. $8^{\circ}28'$ Lon. $29^{\circ}10'$

April 24.

No change. Saw a Brig steering S. W. Lat. $5^{\circ}51'$ Lon. $28^{\circ}30'$

April 25th 1855

Good weather continues and very little change in the wind. Course about S. S. E. Met a large ship this morning steering S. W. passed us about a mile at same time raised me ahead had been just visible from deck all day nearly. Must have overhauled her during the night. Don't see fish of any kind. Lat. $3^{\circ}25'$ Lon. $28^{\circ}18'$

April 26.

During the night variable winds and light. About $\frac{1}{2}$ this morning a squall took us aback and snapped off main top mast Studding sail boom. Came down struck in a boat keel in the starboard boat by striking which saved a hole in the boat. Soon after rigged out another boom. About $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. wind came E. and during the remainder of the forenoon had frequent and hard showers of rain. Took in Studding sails. Afternoon fairer steering about S. by E. Lat $6^{\circ}47'$ S. Lon. $27^{\circ}50'$

April 27.

Carried Studding sails this morning with light breeze from E. S. E. Afternoon cloudy and some rain took in Studding sails in a squall did not set again. Course about S. E. Saw a Bark steering S. S. W. Passed us about $\frac{1}{2}$ miles to leeward. Looked like a Yankee Clipper Lat. $1^{\circ}18'$ S. Lon.