

April 28th 1853.

Light and variable winds being between the N. E. & S. E. trades Afternoon raining
Saw Blackfish Lat. $2^{\circ}45'$ N. Lon.

April 29 Sunday.

Much rain during the day and at night thunder and lightning considerable
I shall be glad when we get away from this rainy country and take the N. E. trades off it chances that we don't have to cross the line again this voyage shall be more so. Lat. $4^{\circ}10'$ Lon. 28°

April 30.

Had a disagreeable day being mostly wet and squally About one P.M. after a hard shower took a white squall which proved to be severe The Bark fairly shook under it and came near carrying the topmasts out of her Did not escape without accident Carried away S. S. G. sail Split S. S. Mast staytail and took Mizen & Mast staytail out of the balt rope Clear Made several rents in the Main sail but fortunately parted no rigging as it lasted but a short time tearing in a rain storm. To night it is breaking away to windward. Cleared away our torn sails and got them on deck. No obs.

May 1

Hurrah for the trades! we have got them at last fresh from the N. E. and good very good

weather Are obliged to sail on the wind having got to the westward otherwise would make more progress Course about N. N. W.

With the few pieces that still clung to the yards in our last squall and an additional supply have managed to get together another S. S. G. sail and set it this afternoon Lat. $6^{\circ}59'$ Lon. $33^{\circ}30'$

May 2.

Wind steady Course N. by W.
Repaired S. S. Mast and Mizen & Mast stay sail and set. Lat. $9^{\circ}07'$ Lon. $32^{\circ}51'$

May 3.

No change in wind and weather.
This morning in setting up fly jib boom guy parted it and are now getting up new ones Lat. $11^{\circ}25'$ Lon. $34^{\circ}27'$

May 4.

Made a sail this afternoon Steering N. S. W.
Set up new guys and repaired an old M sail Lat. $13^{\circ}48'$ Lon. $35^{\circ}40'$

May 5.

Trades strong from E. Making about a N. by E. Course To day at noon the sun was directly overhead or vertical and made no more shadow than we could cover in it is a long time since sol coursed S. of us and it seems like getting towards home going N. with