

it must be lower down. Went on shore this evening. Stopped about 2 hours and for want of other amusement played billiards but not in the way of gambling.

Just after noon the Schooner of war James Commodore Beall came in and anchored and at 5 P.M. an English Collier

Oct 24

Got underway this morning at 1 Fine breeze from N. E. As soon as we were out of the bay shaped our course S. W. by S. and set studding sails now making good headway

Oct 25

Trades continue steady and course the same. Made a large ship on our starboard beam steering about our course in sight all day. At 2 P.M. met a large steamer on the same head bound to St. Vincent Lat $14^{\circ}00'$ Lon. $26^{\circ}00'$

Oct 26

During the night hard squalls with rain and took in light sails. Some rain during the day but all sail steering S. S. W. generally with wind varying. Made another sail steering N. N. W. besides the one seen yesterday both merchantmen Lat $11^{\circ}50'$ Lon. $26^{\circ}10'$.

Oct 27th 1856

Variable winds and squally about what we generally get in these latitudes. No particular course. Several sails in sight. Lat. $10^{\circ}23'$ Lon. $25^{\circ}19'$

Oct 28 Sunday

Still unfavorable. Much rain and in afternoon incessant thunder and lightning. A very heavy shower has just passed over leaving the sky much clearer than at any time to-day. Would that we could now take the S. E. trades. Saw a number of sails doubtless collected by light winds and all as anxious as ourselves for a good breeze to waft them along. No obs.

Oct 29.

Last night another volume of the same article so common here but the weather looks this morning more settled though a good wind is sadly wanting. To night she goes I with it a little free and appears to be slightly increasing. Our light companions still loom up in the distance. Capt has a touch of the ear ache which is quite painful evidently a sore gathering in it. All hands are well with the exception Lat $7^{\circ}31'$ Lon. $24^{\circ}44'$

Oct 30

A dead calm and weather consequently oppressively hot. 2 sails only break in when the weakness of our halt Lat $7^{\circ}25'$ Lon. —