

furled the M. I. sail reefed and the Bark got before it & she behaved nobly as she always does when it blows. It lasted but a short time however its fury is now considerably abated and have just luffed too on L tack with wind hauling gradually into the old quarter. Occasional flashes of lightning are still seen all round us and we may have another volume before morning but as it is pretty clear over head think we may safely reckon on security from wet jackets to night. I shall now bunk as I have the middle watch.

One of the changes Lat $6^{\circ}12'$ Lon

Feb 22

Saw lots of vessels and to night had a regular four hand gam. 3 vessels run down to us - the Leonidas the bark Mattapoisett Capt. Sale of Westport, the Tropic Bird and the Iowa was the Commodore ship. The Skippers have just left for their vessels 10 o'clock. I am tired of gaming for the present. Lat $6^{\circ}12'$ Lon $11^{\circ}10'$

Feb 23

The Leonidas and March in sight to leeward the latter just discernible Lat $6^{\circ}07'$ Lon $8^{\circ}50'$

Feb 24 Sunday

Gamed with the Tropic Bird and saw other sails. A warm day Lat $6^{\circ}12'$ Lon $9^{\circ}22'$

Feb 25th 1856

Cloudy but warm and light breezes. The vessels seem to be all clustered together within the space of a few miles and a school of whales would stand but a poor chance amongst them. Gamed again to night with the Mary Ann. I took my fiddle aboard by request and had a dance. Capt's wife one of the spectators. Mary Ann has taken 60 bils more since we saw her last if she don't look out she'll get a voyage - hails 700 and better. She came back at 10 this evening Lat $6^{\circ}10'$ Lon $9^{\circ}17'$

Feb 26

No change Lat $6^{\circ}15'$ Lon $9^{\circ}00'$

Feb 27

Continues Lat $6^{\circ}12'$ Lon $8^{\circ}36'$

Feb 28

The Mary Ann run down to us to day and according to agreement we let her have about 25-bils water and one ton of coal to last her till she gets to asension where she will be in a month or so. Saw other sails Lat — Lon —

Feb 29.

Rounded in weather braces this morning and kept off N. N. W. Afternoon set fore topmast and lower studding sails and are leaving the ground. May perhaps cruise off