

for a few potatoes and greens if it is possible to get them. For this purpose we hauled two to night on L. tack.

March 11

Made a tack last night standing off and in again this morning. Rem opposite the landing ^{at} which is on the N. W. side taking care to keep clear of the reefs and Capt. with a boats crew ^{and} 2nd mate went in. This is a very barren looking island of a volcanic nature and inhabited chiefly by the English government people who have charge of the naval stores. Large numbers of green turtle are yearly taken here some of them weighing 500 lbs these are kept for the British men of war who come here to recruit. Did not go in the boat not being particularly attracted by the appearance of the island and thinking we were to make only a short stay. Were disappointed about getting vegetables as the island is not fertile and the only garden of any size being in the interior notice is required in order to procure them. Brought off however a tin case of preserved potatoes a few jars of pickles and a gall. of lime juice from the only store and imported from England.

The boat came off at 11 A.M. and kept off our course N. N. W. making all sail without stopping to cruise as I thought we are now for home and probably the next

land we visit will be America the "land of the free" and the home of all that is nearest and dearest to us. May God speed us on our passage and take us safely there. The wind holds steady in the S. E. and the island bears to night E. S. E. about 40 miles.

March 12

Commencing with light trades and pleasant course N. N. W. Lather part N. W. by W. Employed in rigging - tacking &c Lat $7^{\circ} 49'$ Lon $16^{\circ} 57'$

March 13

No change Repairing and old topsail &c Lat $7^{\circ} 13'$ Lon $18^{\circ} 51'$

March 14

The wind being a little more to the eastward we hauled up 2 points to the wind making our course N. N. W. and shifted ^{the} sails to starboard. Weather continues fine Lat $6^{\circ} 20'$ Lon $20^{\circ} 32'$

March 15

No change Lat $6^{\circ} 05'$ Lon $22^{\circ} 05'$

March 16 Sunday

Still pleasant and wind light. Appears to have a strong N. W. current here. Saw B. K. fish but did not lower Lat $3^{\circ} 37'$ - on $23^{\circ} 46'$