

March 31st 1856

Not the least change observed to day and no weather to do any thing without us to go along which is of all others the best. Continue to make our course good and about the same distance each day since we took these strong winds Lat $14^{\circ}11'$ Lon. $46^{\circ}35'$

April 1st

The wind hauled more easterly and to night has the appearance of going down a little. If the sea would subside at some time probably we might go ahead still faster. All the afternoon carried S. by E. sails Lat $16^{\circ}17'$ Lon. $48^{\circ}31'$

April 2

With the exception of 2 or 3 squalls have had a very moderate day wind hauled E. by E. and sea running smaller. Got up studding sails again to day and set Royals. Been quite busy painting &c. probably the last till we get home though it looks like a long water yet between here & there Lat $18^{\circ}12'$ Lon. $50^{\circ}06'$

April 3

Continues fine and wind generally E. by E. Course N. W. Raised a sail this forenoon on our S. beam. She passed a mile ahead head studding sails alone and ship. Looked like a Merchant Ship & a regular merchant

built clipper. Saw another astern this afternoon steering as the first one. To night just visible Lat $19^{\circ}34'$ Lon. $51^{\circ}43'$

April 4

No change Lat $20^{\circ}38'$ Lon. $53^{\circ}11'$

April 5

Continues the same and making slow progress towards home. But it requires miles to make degrees and we must be quite contented with a fair wind though it be rather light. When we look back feeling sure that we have not to run our track over again and every mile brings us so much nearer the prize we submerge Lat $21^{\circ}58'$ Lon. $54^{\circ}36'$

April 6, Sunday

These 24 hours no marked alteration in the wind and weather. A brig hove in sight this morning on our S. bow steering on the wind. When abreast about a mile distant she jacked and stood away keeping a good gully. Showed no colours and no disposition to speak us. As we advanced gull weed begins to be seen in considerable quantities. Caught several bunches of it. Lat $22^{\circ}57'$ Lon. $56^{\circ}05'$

April 7

Fine gales from the E. and very pleasant. Painted some of the inside work to day. This afternoon made a sail on our S. quarter. Course N. W. Lat $23^{\circ}54'$ Lon. $57^{\circ}14'$