

April 8th 1856

First part of last 24 hours Afternoon
Wind came E. S. E. Shifted Studding sails over
to L. and kept N. W. by W. To night wind
was rising. Carried us along at a good rate.

Still painting Quite an accident befell one
of our company - the only Yankee forward Thomas
Stittsiff. While employed in scraping and shoving
the main spruce gaff the toping lift parted
and he fell to the deck badly bruised but
no bones broken. Fortunately he grasped a rope near
him when he found him self giving way which checked
his force and no doubt saved him from being
crippled if not from more serious consequences.

Probably would have escaped altogether unhurt
had not the rope parted ere he reached the
deck. One arm is badly bruised and some pain
is felt in different parts of his body which
renders him quite unfit for duty. As for
himself and we hope will soon be well though
I doubt not the effects of his fall will be
more plainly felt tomorrow than to day. This is
strange to say the first accident of the kind
that has happened to us since we left home
almost 3 years ago although misfortune has not
failed to deal with us in many other ways. Lat.
24° 52' Lon. 58° 37'

April 9

Wind frequently changing with squalls and
some rain. Saw a large ship from Philadelphia
11 days bound to the west indians. As she came

quite near us. Our mate went along side and got
a few papers but no news of any account.
She is a fine looking clipper. To night it is
raining. Steering generally N. W. by W. Lat. 25° 50'
Lon. 60° 19'

April 10

First part some rain and light breezes
Saw a brig steering easterly. About 5 P. M.
we took a severe squall from S. S. W. and kept
off before it taking in light sails. Lasted but
a short time raining hard when it terminated in
a steady gale of wind from the same point.
As soon as the rain was over we luffed two
on the L. tack and double reefed topsails and
took in main sail. Now keeping off N. W. by W.
and rolling badly. No obs.

April 11

Gale unabated but changed to night to
N. E. W. Weather clear. Under shortened
sail steering full and by heading about W.
Lat. 27° 57' Lon. 62° 28'

April 12

All day the wind has been gradually
hauling to the eastward. To night N. E. and
moderate got more spit on course
N. W. by W. About finished painting. Lat. 27° 49'
Lon. 64° 22'