

Sunday April 13th 1856

Wind light and changing. Fine clear weather. Set Studding sails at various times as the wind would admit. but have made but little progress and to night it is nearly calm. Course generally N. W. Made a sail steering as ourselves. during the afternoon she overhauled us, in our S. quarter. To night have dropped her some Lat. $28^{\circ} 36'$ Lon. $65^{\circ} 34'$

April 14

No change Lat. $29^{\circ} 17'$ Lon. $65^{\circ} 58'$

April 15

Pleasant and wind fair though light. Have done up our painting. Here we are within a few days sail of home with a good breeze and now we begin to realize how comparatively near we are to that land from whose shores we departed ^{many} long long ago. It is needless to say that our ~~thoughts~~ ^{imagination} are almost constantly occupied with thoughts of home and as we do not know what to expect on our arrival of course feel some concern and anxiety which can only be silenced when our doubts are at rest. Hope they soon will be for we have had already a long passage which is anything but pleasant when homeward bound Lat. $29^{\circ} 18'$ Lon. $66^{\circ} 37'$

April 16

Fine gales from S. E. and sea smooth. Course N. W. by N. with all sail Lat. $30^{\circ} 18'$ Lon. $67^{\circ} 47'$

April 17

Commencing at last 24 hours. Latter part wind lighter but to night ~~was~~ a good breeze from S. E. Set up bobstay and hove up shrouds. Last night S. watch caught a porpoise and to day had Capitan balls for dinner. A - M one and no mistake Lat. $31^{\circ} 19'$ Lon. $68^{\circ} 03'$

April 18

All day a good breeze from S. W. by W. Course N. W. Just before night wind came round to N. N. W. in a light squall. To night nearly calm. Thick. Cloudy with indications of rain. Made a very good run the last 24 hours. Considering how dreadful dull the bark is - a few more such and we are free to join our friends long since lost to us. Lat. $33^{\circ} 13'$ Lon. $69^{\circ} 43'$

April 19

Gradually hauling the wind has got into the S. E. again and we are making Capitan headway on a S. W. course. With this breeze we shall soon be in the gulf. The water grows perceptibly warmer as we advance but the air is rather chilly. A bright moon is shining and being near the full will doubt break up many of the squalls which we might otherwise encounter in the stream. During the day saw 2 sails. Could not tell which way they were steering being a long way off. Lat. $34^{\circ} 26'$ Lon. $71^{\circ} 11'$