

30 days from N.Y. Latitude ^{Observed} 0.25' Longitude 34-
 372' 54" South -
 North - West.
Monday January 5th 1863

The commencement of the working days of the week - was ushered in by a Squall - as usual - 7 AM had breakfast - until coming to anchor took in Main Top Gallant Sails - and hauled up the Main sail - and pulled the Topsails on the Cap - looking to leeward saw something that looked like a Waterspout - just commencing to form - Some after respect the Topsails - George helping all the morning - and going aloft - I have been in my room looking over some books relative to Customs house rules and regulations - writing etc. - At now 10 o'clock the Capt. has just took an Observation the first we have had for some time - 12 M have just taken the Sun and find ourselves just 25 miles North of the line - by Capt. E. Robinson - Mr Evans says that by Back Sighting we are 54 miles South of the line - 4 PM have passed a Bark - standing close to the wind - and heading NNE - and probably homeward bound - Have looked through the glass - and can see her quite plain - Have made sail - again the wind having gone down - Have Top Gallant Sails set over Topsails - single reefed - George Mary Camille Charles and myself have been in our small room and eat one of our Cakes - It tasted good - after going without for so long a time - I cannot eat much of the Ship victuals any way - Not working any - gives one anything but a good appetite - George helped over the Topsails - and was at the weather vane - Mr Evans speaks highly of George - and likes him very much - Nothing of interest transpired on the Evening - retired early as usual - So. Ends this day -

31 days from N.Y. Latitude 1.31 South - Longitude -

Tuesday January 6th 1863

This morning arose at 7 o'clock - Had Breakfast at 8 AM. After this went to washing out clothes - of which there were no small quantity - Watch crew on deck at ship work - It is a most beautiful day Sun shining warm & clear - Glazed my face - near the Gally - and under the shade of the Main sail - finished my work - Mrs. Morry - and Mrs. Newman are also washing - And the rigging is full of clothes - 1 PM have finished dinner - and said 'ho!' is the cry - Standing near on the wind - and heading for us - is a Brig - homeward bound - Nearly all the sail we see is - brace for home - She passed within about 3 miles to leeward of us - and through the glass - we could see men on deck - apparently watching us - Neither vessel chose to show their colors - and so passed without the usual compliments - We passed another vessel - very far to leeward - about 5 PM - took in my clothes and smoothed them out as well as possible - without ironing - Then after a squall - made its appearance - and wet the decks - thoroughly - In the Evening the Moon arose about 8 PM - and the scene was beautiful with Charley in my arms I stood watching it as slowly arising - from the water - and now and then disappearing in a cloud - Charley wanted me to get the Moon for him - and afterward desired Uncle Toby to get it for him - We afterwards got on the boats - and spent the time in singing telling stories etc - Mr Evans - watched on deck from 6 to 8 - on the house was Mr Evans - George and myself - Mrs. Morry - Mary - Camille - and Charley - Mrs. Newman came up some after - but did not stay much -

We are now approaching the Land - and the way we are standing will probably bring us near enough to see it - about noon tomorrow -

It is now about 10 PM - and although not having worked very hard - feel tired - I am out of spirit - the Capt. and myself not exchanging words for some days - I shall feel glad when the voyage is over - So. Ends this day -