

32 days from N.Y. Latitude 4-18- Longitude 35-30
- South - west -

Wednesday January 7th 1863

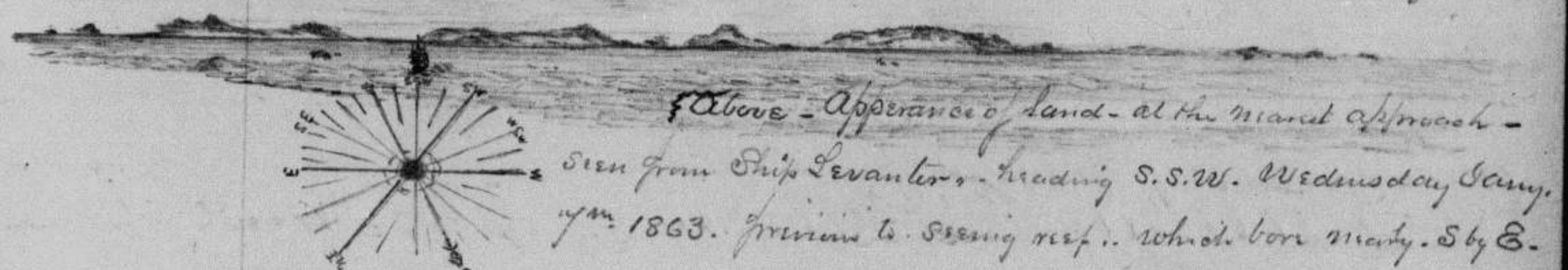
This day commences with pleasant weather - and at 7 o'clock the sun is shining brightly - in fact the pleasantest morning we have yet seen - After breakfast - on Ham & Eggs - I went up on the Foretop sail yard - to look after Davis and anything new that turned out - After staying awhile I came down - and took a walk around deck. Came Mary - busy sewing - George - cleaning his shoes - clothes &c. He says - at 10 AM saw a large shoal of Sea Birds - and went aloft - to see if I could make out the cause of so many being together - while on the Foretop sail yard a Squall came up and at the time the Fore Royal was blown up - and I went up and pulled it & came down again - George and myself with Mr Evans - taken the Sun - our Latitude is 4-18 South Latitude - and the way we are steering will fall on with the land this PM - "6 PM - at 3 o'clock the PM Ship Standing S.W. raised a sail - 4 points on the Lee bow - proved to be a Brig Standing to the West - We could make her out very plain from aloft - with the glass - Failing to make out the land - we came down - and soon after saw a Catamaran - with three natives - on it a fishing - We did not see them until close to the ship - We passed them about 1/2 of a mile to windward - Their appearance seems similar to - this - This Catamaran is made from two logs of wood - they are very much like a boat - and lashed together - on an elevated piece that runs across both boats - made like a bench - is where they sit to keep out of the sea which continually breaks over the logs - they also hang their garments in water &c - on this cross piece - Soon after passing the Catamaran - about 5 PM saw land - it appears low - and extends across the bows of the ship - for more than 5 miles each way - The sand banks could be plainly seen through the haze - Capt. Thomsen will stand in and get the wind off land - this evening - The Capt. George and myself being at the land - espied a reef - about 1/2 mile off - The sea breaking over quite high - Took a ship immediately - and stood out from land - 5 1/2 PM Ship heading - N.E. by E. 7 1/2 PM Ship again - heading S. by W. and stood along on this tack until 8 PM - We are standing into land on the Larboard tack Mr Evans aloft - at 8 PM Took a ship - again now standing on the Starboard tack - heading - N.E. by East - The S.E.

33 days from N.Y. Latitude Longitude

Thursday January 8th 1863

Trade winds are now blowing quite strong. Fore & main top Gallant sails furled. Mainsail hauled up - we will probably remain on this tack until morning. The moon has now risen - so as to make objects more plain. Mr Evans watch on deck from 8 to 12. Mrs. Morry, Mrs. Newman - Cami. Mary - George and myself on deck - Have been talking with Mrs. Morry - and Mrs. Newman - 10 PM have all retired, except -

"Near Cape St. Roque -"



Thursday January 8th Took a ship at 4 AM - and are now standing S by W. and heading towards the shore - This morning the Steward saw another Catamaran 1/2 mile off - 16000 Brasport - at 7. Land not in sight - are now standing on the Larboard tack - - - At 11 AM saw a Brig close hauled on the wind - on the Starboard tack - looks like the one we saw yesterday - at 1 PM went aloft - at 2 PM saw land ahead extending across the bows - for some distance - land is very low and sandy - sand appears to extend for some distance back - I could discern some trees or clumps of low bushes - with the exception of a few palms. No rocks could be seen - along the whole line of coast - could discern no port or breakers on the distance - after standing in to about 5 miles from the shore - a boat of the Lead - gave us - from 6 to 7 fathoms water - and 8 1/2 fathoms shot and stood on the Starboard tack - heading N.E. - Land now being on our quarter - distant about 1 mile - as seen from Mast Head - "Wind blowing very fresh - with considerable sea - * Appearance of land as seen from Mast head previous to looking -



At 2 1/2 PM again Took a ship - and stood on the Larboard tack - again heading in shore - Heavy clouds - and dark - to land at 7 o'clock. Mr Evans went aloft - as we were again approaching shore - soon after the Capt. came on deck - and had the Mainsail hauled up - Mr Evans thought it best to stand again - Turner went on the