

8th day.

Wednesday. February. 18th 1863
74 days from NY -
Latitude South Longitude West

9th day.

Thursday. February. 19th 1863
75 days from NY -
Latitude South Longitude West

After a very uncomfortable night sleep - which was in fact no sleep at all - we had during the night - were shits - and was standing on the Larboard Tack - heading 22 West by Compass - there is then about 2 points variation in the compass - This morning the sea was not so heavy - though the wind was still blowing quite heavy - After breakfast - went on deck - There was 4 pairs on sight - which looked quite formidable - The nearest one to us and standing on the same tack as ourselves - was the Whalman - we saw - day before yesterday - could tell him by his Gambel Ports - and boats - the other was a Barque - which was about 8 miles off - and another as far on the distance as we could discern - they were one row - and all under close sail - another large ship - was standing down to us on the other tack - The Capt - thought to be the Gaspee - she had Royal and main Staysail yards, acrot - We had put down our mainsail - to topmast and were going to under reef - Foresail - of close reef - Main Toppail and Main Spinnaker - 10 am made sail - set, Fore Toppail - Stay Sail - Close reef, Fore Toppail, and Mizzen - and double reefed main Toppail - The wind heavy - wore ship - on Starboard Tack the sails to Leeward also wore - and at noon were all standing the same way - After dinner went on deck - and with the spy glass - could discern the other vessels - The Gaspee - which was 1 1/2 miles distance - a beam - was now - as many miles astern - The Whalman was still further off - The other Barque - involuntarily the wind blowing so strong had - every thing - set - to her Royal - and was coming along wind us - finally - throwing the spray - over her decks - I watched her as she passed the - whole ship - while she gradually gained on our vessel - At 4 P.M. she was close under our stern - At this time the Capt - came on deck and seeing that the Barque would pass ast - had the reef taken out of the Foresail - also out of the main Toppail - and the main top Sailsail sent set over all - At this time she kept off - with intention of going to Leeward of us - and had passed about one half of her past our stern - She had a few Ladsy Passengers on board - who were a few Handicrafts - Hands - & such - and were returned by us with