

Journal of Bark *Providence*
Bound to the West Coast of Africa
Friday Dec-23rd 1881

Lat. S. 17° 00' First part light breeze from N.W. Bark steering S.W. by E. Middle part strong breeze and squalls of rain wind about S.E. Bark steering by the wind heading E. by S. Latter part strong breeze and clouds steering by the wind on the Starboard tack. Saw two sails during the day steering to the Northward. Split the flying jib about 2.30 P.M. in the morning unbutton the mainsail for repairs and broke out some canvas for the mainsail. Saw *Campuses* during the day at 6.30 P.M. rapid fire taken

Saturday Dec-24th
Lat. S. 17° 31' Long. W. 29° 28' These 24 Shouers strong breeze from about S.E. the Bark steering by the wind on the Starboard tack heading E. and E. by S. repaired the mainsail and bent it during the day. Saw three men-of-war at fighting one by name *Joseph Campbell* and one by name *Wright*. *Woodley*, *Joseph Campbell* has been disagreeable to the Quartermaster at different times since having been making trouble with the crew in the *Providence*.

Sunday Dec-25th
Lat. S. 17° 00' Long. W. 29° 41' First part light breeze and pleasant The Bark steering by the wind on the Port Tack heading S.W. by S. Middle and latter part light breeze from S.E. by E. the Bark steering S.W. under all sail. Saw a Bark steering to the Northward

of New Bedford Cape Verde
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Monday Dec-26th 1881

Lat. S. 18° 45' Long. W. 29° 24' There 24 Shouers light breeze from E.S.E. with fine weather the Bark steering S.W. sent in the flying jib and repaired it and bent it again during the day.

Tuesday Dec-27th
Lat. S. 18° 45' Long. W. 29° 24' First part light breeze and pleasant Wind S.E. by E. Bark steering S.W. at 5.30 A.M. saw the island of *Providence* bearing about S. Middle part light air latter part fresh breeze. The crew employed in breaking out water and *Providence* at sunset the island was bearing about E.S.E. distance of about 12 miles.

Wednesday Dec-28th
Lat. S. 18° 08' Long. W. 29° 30' First part light breeze and pleasant Wind from E.S.E. Middle part light breeze saw three sails steering to the Southward. Latter part light air from about N.W.E. the crew employed in overhauling *Blakes* about 3 P.M. *John C. Kelly* had some trouble with *Joseph Campbell* through him being disobedient. He was punished by being put in irons for an hour at about that time. He has been very troublesome at times wanting to fight with different ones of the crew. He was taken out of irons and solemnly promised the Capt. and myself that he would not make any more trouble. So ends this day the Bark steering S.E. by W. During the day patched the boiler which we patched four times in some few days since.