

Brasil Coast At American

March 28th Saturday, miles and pleasant, all this day. since North & East, two sails in sight. one north the other southern. Breeze Latin. 22.46° 37.03°

March 29th Sunday. Moderate N East winds where S E trades should be all this 24 hours. Thus it is. & thus it's been from day to day and time drags heavily. 20.43° 37.41°

March 30th Monday. Same wind of yesterday and little more ahead if possible. heavy lamassara. Latin 19.13° Doubtful

March 31st Tuesday miles and pleasant from the North and East, working unceasingly. Latin 18.10° Doubtful

April 1st Moderate. Made the land in view of Abrolhos Islands stood close in to a small Island surrounded by coral reefs stood off and made Abrolhos light heavy east. fired our chronometer to westward of ship 88 miles. Tackled under the Island and came to anchor for the night. in the morning got underway and stood northward in company with two boats from the Island. soon found ourselves in among scattering rocks some awash and many sunken. latter hours made a ship on her beam. Ends on a reef to the northward apparently but little while in that condition. tried to work up to her but wind left us with a strong current setting southward. latter time of sea lay. Abrolhos Islands in sight on our lee. Latin 17.55° No Cal

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April 2nd Thursday. wind light. last evening stood up abreast the ship and at 11 am. morning got underway. and ran into the reef and came to. sent two Boats on board of the ship to obtain fuel being out of wood and examine the reefs to see if property enough could be saved to justify us in the risk of staying and wrecking the same. Boat returned at 11 am with some coals and wood report the ship apparently loaded with coal & furniture and beer and patches deep under water. but little while in that position. had been boarded previously probably by fishing boats as most the masts running rigging was cut off in the tops and carcass of one hole chooped through the Deck with smaller pieces some as if some cargo had been taken out. Boxes of large size had been stowed which showed tables and chairs of fine quality. another examination for carriage equipment. sails and spars were left intact. with the exception of masts and main royals, all further indicating that the capt and crew had left for the coast for a vessel to return and save what he could. This ship Washington Booth. apparently English by papers found on board lay on a dangerous reef of rock rising out of the sea with deep water around and between the same. I think distant from the nearest land 15 miles and that very low, and from Abrolhos Island North & West 20 miles. at noon got underway and proceeded northward since N East and cloudy heavy decided it's not worth our while with what little more we have to attempt the saving of the property and run the risk of losing our own vessel and insurance.

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Deck of ship Washington Booth
another name unknown lying about 15 miles further north