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Sat 7th We have had a severe storm, have not been able to get an observation since Monday. The weather is better today. We have less wind but there is still quite a heavy land breeze. I have finished the Tidy and some considerable mending. Today have been putting up some Bannocks as they were ripe and would keep but a short time longer. The wind is now quite fair so we can start our course E by N.

Sun 8th It still continues windy and have had several showers during the day, but the wind is fair. Lat 32.14 and we are getting along nicely, the sick ones are all recovering. We are steering E.

Mon 9th Lat 32.35 Pleasant. Wind with a strong favorable wind. Lat 32.44 I have commenced a Tidy to send home the first opportunity. Steady E.

Tues 10th Had a squally night and has continued so during the day, raining a little occasionally. Lat 31.38 Wind E. N. E. but are now heading E. I have finished the Tidy I commenced yesterday. Lat 26.24 has just been selling off the Cheats, Clothes &c but the Deacons left behind them, has sold all but four chests.

Wed 11th The weather is still a little unpleasant. Lat 29.45 I have commenced another Tidy to send home. Lat 24.7 Mr. Gibson left hand. He was here for several days. His nose is sore, but he has had his sight on. He was working around the windlass yesterday and stuck a piece of rusty iron in his thumb, tonight it is badly swollen and quite painful. I have not felt very well lately. I suppose I have eaten too much fruit. We are steering E by N.

Thurs 12th Lat 29.31 Have had a squally day with light wind. Lat 22.45 have finished my Tidy. Mr. Holmes. Land remains about the same. We are on the point, E by N.

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Friday 13th Have a light wind so have made but little on our course. I have had a severe headache. have done but very little work. Lat 22.6 today, only a little mending. Mr. Thayer has a bad cold.

Sat 14th Have a better wind today so we can go our course the most of the time. I have been writing about letters and packing a small box. Lat 29.42 & sent home the first opportunity. This morning saw a ship, steering S. S. E. While we were eating dinner, heard the cry of "There Barre", from the Masthead, all rushed to deck, but saw first it to be only a Pinack, but safe. Lat 20.13 sent to see and get something more valuable. Our course is now E by S.

Sund 15th We have had a severe storm, have not got an observation since Sunday. The weather cleared this morning, yet there is quite a heavy sea on. Lat 31.25 Last night had a long and tedious one. It was very squally and rough about twelve o'clock. The weather was so bad I feared we might not behold again the light of the Sun, but our kind Heavenly Father watched over us and we still live. Spent moments of his mercy. I have been sick since last Sat. with Nausea, caused by taking cold. one of the Telt I had filled just before leaving home has again infected me. I have had very bad cold and also my throat. I have slept but little for several nights. I should have slept more last night had the weather been better, but it was so rough I could not sleep. I did not close my eyes until 4 o'clock this morning after the wind had abated. Today I have been putting on a pair of boots. I am going to send home to home.