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but it is very close and warm, it is in fact about the warmest day we have seen as yet - we are making for the Cape Verde Islands and expect to come in sight of them in a day or two when I will again have a chance to write home and I will not let the opportunity pass by - course today same as yesterday -

August 26th It was my forenoon watch below today Sunday and feeling rather tired I turned in and slept soundly until roused up at eight bells that is to say at twelve o'clock when I felt much relieved. I stood masthead as usual but saw nothing worth noticing. I also stood my trick at the wheel. course south south-west - we are in the neighborhood of the islands and will very likely see them tomorrow -

August 27th It breezed up again a little last night Monday and this morning we were going ahead at the rate of 4 knots. as I presumed land was this morning discerned at a good distance from main masthead. the weather is very close and cloudy and the heat is great though somewhat relieved by a fine shower this morning and also this afternoon. we tacked ship this afternoon and stood away from the land - course south by west half west before we tacked

August 28th The weather today being fine and favorable Tuesday - we lowered a boat when near enough to the land, and the Captain with the boat's crew went on shore. I did not have a chance to go in the first boat and thought I would not be able to go on shore at all, but a second boat having been lowered in the afternoon I jumped in and went ashore. I did not however have any time to see or notice anything being on shore only a few moments, but as the Captain is going to stay on shore all night some of us will again go on shore tomorrow morning & I will try to go.

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August 29th Early this morning this morning we Wednesday - ran pretty near up to the island of St. Pago and at seven o'clock a boat was lowered and I was told to take the tub oar which pleased me a great deal - we reached the land at about eight o'clock and when we got there the captain gave us liberty until three o'clock. As soon as liberty was given us I set out with a Portuguese to see the town of Port Praya which is the largest on the island. I found everything pretty much the same as at Fayal so far as regards the buildings, streets &c. but was quite astonished to see that all the inhabitants were black. After seeing all that was to be seen I returned to the beach at 2 o'clock and began loading the boat. We traded here for hogs, fowl and fruit, which we got in exchange for bread. fruit of all kinds are very abundant and good and we got a good supply of oranges, pink apples, bananas & coconuts, which were distributed among all hands, and I had a good share of them. We also got a good supply of hogs and fowl and at night we put off for the south. The "Metikurn" of New Bedford was in sight all day laying off and on as usual - she had no oil as yet.

August 30th Weather today pretty fair - winds Thursday - moderate and we make but very little headway - we find that we are almost out of oil and if we do not soon get some we will have to go without light - we intend to cover for anything we see course today South east - August 31st Weather pleasant - it is almost a Friday - dead calm - course south east. Today being the last day of August reminds me of two things first that it is Rita's birthday and secondly the last day of the boys' vacation. I should much have liked to have been at home to wish Rita many