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Wed 17th The wind has backed around ahead so that in an hour's sailing pretty all Lat & go Longitude & our course should be due East in Lat 36° 20" at noon today. Good breeze clear & cold. Mr Stivers & I had a long argument on religion this evening. Mr Stivers was speaking of an missionary trip (since the board has changed his opinions & taken all the books of the former faith overboard. He is a person of great energy & as he is lately enlightened in his communication much very useful information & there is hardly a study or topic you can start but what he is well posted on many arguments I think him in the wrong. But I consider it my duty to listen not contradict. However you have some very interesting arguments. He has many books & mostly all histories. He willingly loans me any of them. Had mind and equal should be due East. we can only beat making 36 by 3 on Starboard. Lat 36 on the Starboard make. We left

Wed 18th Our tub of molasses is out. The tub held 38 galls. This amount in 80 days I think is doing very well considering that we use it only in the coffee & on our coffee only 21 of the forward. They have a tub for their own use aft. The old man says the molasses of the natives at Sancho Island & it is far superior to any molasses made in the States & sugar. I met with a little accident to day. I was playing with one of the Spaniards & smoking my old pipe at the same time & when I happened to be a small coal of fire in the pipe. I took it

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out & put it in a steel that he was a, splitting upon. It rolled on his finger in time it got a saw change. (a Spanish oath) & saw the knife in my leg. it made a pretty deep cut. I said nothing about it as I do not want the little fellow strong up on the rigging & probably flogged. Drawing a knife is a serious piece of business on board of ship. I think I had not catch any hold in it. I shall not suffer any with it. Still had mind talking very hot hints.

Wed 19th Broke out tub of molasses to day. The old man says as long as we have provisions of any kind. if we do not see a whale the whole season. We shall always have enough. If we could only see a seal & have by gaw. or catch a whale how much better all hands would feel. My leg is sore & stiff to day the cut is 6 inches above the knee. Still the wound

Wed 20th Took in all the left stails. Having had accompanied by Hail. Set them again this morning. Wind so foggy & not disagreeable day. Still the same everlasting bad mind of the old man begins to believe there is a penak in board somewhere. Commenced bringing in again this afternoon so that we were obliged to chow down & reef

Wed 21st Still had mind & very foggy. A Spanish & Portuguese an laid (up) sick. My leg is all right again. Spies to aft and a good tub of molasses. it is hardly fit to eat