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4th Brig. Barbarita

Mr Fernandez and one of the Mates ever make use of any, and they very seldom and sparingly. Dinner for the crew is served precisely at 12 and consists of either Soups & Salt provisions, Different kinds of Peas or Beans, Fish Salted or a Librose. They make use of very little Salt Provision. Two bottles aquadiente to each mess at dinner. At 3 P.M. Dinner is served to the Cabin & Storage Mates which generally consists of three or four different dishes elegantly cooked and Soup the first course always. The same quantity of red wine as at breakfast, and in smooth times and good weather, a bottle of some richer wine is added, to go with the desert, which generally consists of Almonds, Figs or Raisins, and sometimes nice Havana Reserves.

At 5 P.M. a dish of strong Coffee finishes the repast of the Cabin and Storage Mates. At 6 P.M. the crew have their Supper which is nearly the same as breakfast. This is the regular routine from day to day, to satisfy the cravings of ^{appetite} ~~the~~, and where the first mentioned character bear a conspicuous part. Every thing on board, being done by order & rule, all works harmoniously.

Monday — True Course S 31 E Variation 5° 15' W Lat N 28° 53' Long W 49° 43'

March 15 Fresh gales and flying clouds with squally weather. At 9 A.M. a heavy squall came on, and the light sails were accordingly taken in. After the Main Topsail sheets were started, for closing up, one of the men by name of James Martinez went up to furl it and had just reached the Yard, when he fell backward and struck across the Main boom, and thence partly striking on the trunk, fell down between the Pumps, on deck, breaking both his thighs and right arm and injuring himself so internally, that no hopes remain for his life. The distance is about 56 feet that he fell, and I was sitting in the Cabin underneath and so loud was the concussion that I thought it the topmast itself that had fallen.

True Course S 34 E Variation 5° 35' W Lat N 28° 02' Long W 49° 05'

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Tuesday 16 March. A rough sea and fresh gales. Wind from S.E. At 2 P.M. James Martinez died having remained senseless and in an expiring state, from the time of his fall. At 3 P.M. committed his body to the deep. Immediately afterwards, according to Spanish law or custom, his effects were brought aft and examined by the Captain in presence of Officers & Crew, and an Inventory made of them, as also the money in his possession at the time of decease, found in and among his effects. The money a small sum, say six dollars, was taken into keeping by the Captain, and an account of the time and manner of his death written. The effects were then sold among the crew, to the highest bidder, and an account sales made out, and this with the Inventory, account of his death, and money credited in the Captain's hands, were kept in possession by the same to be delivered to the proper authority in Havana on signature.

True Course N 42 E Variation 6° 45' W Lat N 29° 07' Long W 47° 59'

Wednesday 17 Strong breezes from the Southward & Eastward & fair weather.

True Course N 57 E Variation 7° W Lat N 30° 07' Long W 46° 13'

Thursday 18 The most of these 24 hours fresh breezes from E.S.E. to E.N.E. cloudy.

True Course N 49 E Variation 7° W no Obs. Lat N 30° 28' Long W 45° 46'

Friday 19 Disagreeable, cloudy weather & N.E. and E.N.E. winds.

True Course S 13 E Variation 8° W no Obs. Lat N 29° Long W 45° 33'

Saturday 20 Bristle breezes and a cool atmosphere. Wind from E.N.E. Vessel under single reefed Topsails and Mainsails.

True Course S 35 E Variation 8° W Lat N 27° 54' Long W 44° 32'

Sunday 21 A large Sea and strong breezes from E.N.E. Passed a Golam Brig standing to the S.E. on the same tack. Made her two pts on the lee bow at 5 A.M. & lost sight of her on the lee quarter at 10.

True Course S 34 E Variation 8° 30' W Lat N 27° 47' Long W 43° 12'

Monday 22 Fresh gales and fair weather. Wind from the N.E. & N.W. At Meridian passed a Barque (supposed her English) steering to the Northward on the other tack. This is the third vessel we have seen since leaving the Florida passage and and to day one short month from Havana.

True Course S 61 E Variation 8° 30' W Lat N 26° 46' Long W 41° 48'