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Spth Brig Barbarita

Tuesday

March 23 A clear atmosphere with passing fleecy clouds and a fine breeze from the NNE and NE. Sail set to the best advantage by the wind, and the vessel moving smoothly along. True Course S 71° E Variation 10° 00' W. Lat. N. 26° 05' Long. W. 38° 59'

Wednesday 24 First part gentle breezes and fair weather. During the night some light squalls and cloudy weather. At 11 P.M. passed a Ship, standing by the wind to the North & West. At 7 A.M. saw a Brig, to leeward, on the same course. The wind from North and NNE and latter part pleasant. True Course S 80° E Variation 10° 30' W. Lat. N. 25° 39' Long. W. 35° 15'

Thursday 25 Gentle gales from NNE & NW and fair weather. All sail set to the breeze, having a free wind and steering. Sails set for the first time, having before been beating to the East. True Course S 80° E Variation 11° W. Lat. N. 25° 47' Long. W. 33° 55'

Friday 26 Light breezes from North to NW and warm pleasant weather. True Course S 42° E Variation 12° 15' W. Lat. N. 24° 13' Long. W. 32° 43'

Saturday 27 Light winds and calms and warm pleasant weather with a clear sky and horizon. Employ my time in endeavoring to learn Spanish in which I am assisted by Don Andres & as Capt. Selu can speak about as much English as I can Spanish, we endeavor to learn each others tongue. True Course S 48° E Variation 13° 30' W. Lat. N. 23° 29' Long. W. 31° 44'

Sunday 28 Clear atmosphere, pleasant weather and gentle breezes. True Course S 54° E Variation 14° W. Lat. N. 22° 27' Long. W. 30° 12'

Monday 29 Clear atmosphere, smooth sea and fine North Westerly breezes. At 1 P.M. saw a Ship steering about NW. The sky overcast with light clouds at night. At 7 A.M. saw a Brig steering about NW. Latter part light winds & pleasant weather. True Course S 62° E Variation 14° 46' W. Lat. N. 21° 15' Long. W. 28° 35'

Tuesday 30 For the most part of these 24 hours the sky overcast, the weather unsettled, and the winds unsteady, the most of the time brisk breezes. At 4 P.M. saw a Ship steering about NW. True Course S 58° E Variation 15° W. Lat. N. 19° 40' Long. W. 27° 17'

Wednesday 31 Strong breezes from NNE & NE, flying clouds & fair weather. True Course S 34° E Variation 15° W. Lat. N. 18° 05' Long. W. 26° 07'

passage to Africa.

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April 1 Thursday Commences fair weather and fresh breezes. Night more moderate. Observed strong rippings on the surface of the water. At daybreak saw the land bearing ESE, being the Island of Saint Anthony one of the Cape de Verde. At 2 A.M. the Northernmost part of the Island bore by Compass NNE & the Southernmost part E by N 5 or 6 leagues distant. The True Course made since yesterday noon S 37° E, 99 miles distance, which proves the Longitude near correct, as St. Anthony lies in 25° 08' N Long. Saw the adjacent Islands viz St. Vincent, St. Lucia and St. Nicholas. Observed at noon in North Latitude 16° 41' and the South part of St. Anthony bore N 64° E by Compass. Variation 15° W.

Friday 2 Brisk breezes and pleasant weather. At Sundown lost sight of the aforementioned Islands. At 10 A.M. saw the Islands of Brava and Fogo bearing Eastward. The Cape de Verde Islands are all very high, and Fogo appears one third higher than the highest Island in the West Indies, which is St. Christopher. It is really a magnificent spectacle to behold these huge lumps of earth towering to the skies, placed amid the vast expanse of water, under a canopy bounded by the horizon of sea & sky, and the grateful heart in silence adores the wise Providence that has permitted his eyes to behold again the terra-firma. At noon the Island of Brava bore N 66° E by Compass 6 leagues distant from which I take a fresh departure. Variation 15° W. Lat. N. 14° 40' Long. W. 24° 58'

Saturday 3 Commences with light puffs of wind and calms. The Sea in great commotion, caused by the rippings of a current which makes a deafening noise and knocks the vessel about like boiling apple dumplings. At Sunset the bearings and distance not materially altered since my departure was taken. The Island of Brava & Fogo in sight at dusk, but no land to be seen in the morning. During the night and remainder of the 24 hours, light winds, smooth sea and pleasant weather. The next land I expect to see will be the shores of Africa. Variation 15° 30' W. Lat. N. 13° 53' Long. W. 24° 24'