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Spt. Brig Barbara

A little to windward of a small village called Winneba is a singular mount called the Devil's Hill which is a noted landmark. The shore is a long white sand beach and rises roughly back, to hills and dale, interspersed with small trees and shrubbery, and the distant view is high land with woods. At 10 P.M. anchored off the village of Winneba. Ends light air and pleasant weather.

Saturday May 1st At daylight weighed anchor and made sail with a light breeze from S.W. Left Schooner Fairy Queen at anchor. At 10 A.M. was off Barroo Point. Here is a small village of huts situated near the end of the point. A canoe came off and the Captain traded for some trifling vegetables. At meridian saw the town of Acria. As you approach it the land lies low near the beach but you can see some distance back where it is mountainous. To the N.W. of Acria is a large leaf mountain called Cooke's Leaf which may be seen a long distance at sea. At 3 P.M. anchored in 6¹/₂ fathoms off Acria, the English Fort Flag Staff bearing N.W. the Dutch North, and Danish N.E. all by compass. The Brazilian Brig Carolina lies anchored N.E. from us the only vessel here. The English fort and settlement is the westernmost. Adjoining Eastwardly is the Dutch and a mile further Eastward is the Danish. The English and Dutch are middling sized fortifications and in the former settlement are many well constructed buildings which being white make a very pretty appearance. The Danish is of a larger construction and has more huts to be seen in the settlement than at the others. At this place is also a windmill N.W. of the fort. The land around is in a high state of cultivation, and the whole presents a beautiful picture. A canoe came from shore at 4 P.M. and Don Andres returned in her to English Acria. Ends beautiful weather and light air with passing clouds.

on the coast of Africa.

Here is a fort and flagstaff and a few small buildings. To the westward of it is about a dozen Palm Trees, and when 2 or 3 leagues off, appear to the eye to stand 18 or 20 feet apart, in a direct line. To the Eastward on the low land which looks like a sand beach, with here and there a tree and shrub, and 4 tall palm trees, and appear to the eye at 2 or 3 leagues, about 2 or 3 feet apart, the next to the westernmost being shorter than the other three. At 3 P.M. was abreast another small settlement called Little Olmina where they showed Dutch colors. After passing this the shore appears quite regular, being low and a long reddish white sand beach and in the distance back thick low woods the tops of the trees appearing of an even height. This similarity is continued as far as Little Popo, off which village we anchored at 8:30 P.M. in 10 fathoms 2 miles from shore in company with the Carolina. Saw a Brig beating up and at 10 P.M. coming within hail Don Andres spoke her and was answered it was the American Brig Orbit Captain Woodbury of and for New York. Ends fair.

Wednesday 5th At Sunrise fired a gun and hoisted the colors and shortly after two canoes came alongside. After breakfast Don Andres and servant Mesa, and Capt. Felix went on shore taking some goods &c with them. Warm weather during the day and moderate breezes & comfortable at night.

Thursday 6th Pleasant weather and cool refreshing breezes this day. The Carolina weighed anchor and sailed for leeward. There is nothing remarkable about Popo being a small village of huts near the shore inhabited entirely by native blacks. They have three flagstaffs on which they hoist English and Portuguese colors and use them to signalize with vessels in the roadstead. Hazy dew at night.

Friday 7th Warm pleasant weather and a beautiful moonlight night.

Saturday 8th Warm weather until near noon when there were some refreshing showers, which cooled the air and made it more comfortable the remainder of the day and night.