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1830. Departure from Whidab<sup>sup</sup> (Africa)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. In the morning packed up my baggage to go on board. Capt. Selin came from the Barbante (having arrived from Prince's Island). At 11 A.M. took leave of Capt. S. and Edward Hernandez, and reclined myself in a hammock for the beach Don Francisco, Don Andus and Don Nicholas having gone before. The distance as I have before mentioned is about 3 mi. In some places the negroes were up to their middle in water, in the paths, and in little more than half the distance, had to cross a river, half a mile wide, where the water was up to their breasts, and had to take up the ends of the hammock, before crossing, to prevent me from getting wet, but as they were sun-footed, they carried me over safe and dry. After partaking of some refreshment together, at 1 P.M. embarked in a canoe, to go on board with Don Nicholas, and bid adieu to Don Francisco and Don Andus and to the shores of Africa. On arriving alongside the Brig found her to be a better looking vessel at a distance, than near to, as the rigging is in a miserable state, and copper off the bottom in several places, having been on this burning coast two years, without any repairs and not a drop of tar to her rigging. The complement on board is four officers, eighteen men, cook & cabin boy and with Don Nicholas and myself, and a Spanish sailor that was the chief mutineer when the Brig was taken possession of, makes the whole number twenty seven. After dinner went on board the Semirime and Barbante, who are at anchor in the Roads, and bid adieu to the officers on board, returning on board at sunset, to take the land breeze & depart in the morning.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> At daylight the Brig was got under weigh, and proceeded to beat to windward with moderate breezes, and fair weather. The decks are covered with fowls, ducks, pigs & hogs, Sheep, Goats, and 3 bullocks.

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1830. Arrival at, and Departure from Quitta (Africa).

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Continues fair weather. Beating to windward and no land in sight. Don Nicholas has concluded to run for Quitta, to purchase some more provisions, and to get a further supply of good water, as much of what we have, is very brackish. Recollected that this is my honored father's birth-day, which completes his fifty eighth year. My prayer to God is, that he may enjoy many more with health and contentment, and be blessed in his children.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Much squally weather the first part of the day. At 1 P.M. saw the land, and found ourselves near Cape St. Paul's Bay away, and at 5:30 P.M. anchored in 8 fathoms off Quitta.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> At 8 A.M. Don Nicholas went on shore and sent off two canoes in the course of the day with water & provisions. Two Brigs at anchor at Little Elmina & St. Manuella's Bay.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Fresh gales and fair weather. Making preparations on board, for our final departure from the coast.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Light breezes and pleasant weather. At 8 A.M. the Sp. Brig. Marianita anchored here from leeward. Took the last of our water on board, pigs, poultry &c. At sunset Don Nicholas came on board, and the vessel was put in readiness to improve the land breeze in the morning to depart.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> At daylight weighed anchor and stood to the Southward by the wind, with the starboard tack aboard and the wind from N.W. and N. At Meridian I judge Cape St. Paul's to bear N.W. by W 10 leagues distant. The water being agitated and strong ripplings, consider there is a rapid current to the S.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from the S.W. and pleasant weather. We have a large family of live stock on board, and plenty of Salt, but not any Salted Provisions. It consists of 24 hogs and pigs, 3 bullocks, 6 Sheep, 4 Goats, 2 turkeys 32 ducks and 116 fowls. Instead of hard bread, we have cakes baked from Corn meal and the flour made from Caspada Root. Also as a substitute for bread, we have about a hoghead of Yams & sweet potatoes. About half a barrel of Eggs, and an abundance of "weed things".