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within twenty miles, if it had been clear we would have seen it 50 miles distant we passed a number of Islands during the day among which were St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Maricao, Raza and St. Nicholas. We all wished for some of the productions but had to stop them in the end.

Latitude 10° 26' N
Longitude 24° 50' W

Saturday November 19

Line barge from N. C. going on finely, rather a nasty place to be among Islands particularly when it is foggy weather, we are running a N. C. course. Early this morning we saw Toga at about twenty miles distant it seems to be a barren uncultivated wilderness, it is not a place where Love love to wander, and how dear each are to the other, To quarrel and then make up again and seal all troubles with a kiss, No such place is it. It is a place where Monkeys Love to wander I don't know whether the ship light and make love like other white people, alas that remains in oblivion, some travelers tell us they can talk but won't all I am astonished at that the Ladies Monkeys don't make out some time or other.

Sunday November 20

We are sadly situated to day, here we are becalmed within twenty miles of our Haven, and what is worse there is no chance of our getting any wind to take us there, How very unpleasant, thinking of all the pleasure

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we might have if only there, but better luck next time. The country about here is anything but picturesque that I must say. Perhaps some may admire but I do not, It consists of barren mountains and uncultivated plains it appears to me what I have seen that nothing grows along the coast, but I understand there are some fertile valleys where the tropical fruits grow in great abundance. The weather is very warm and sultry. Some of the men went in to swim the water the day is very pleasant.

Latitude 14° 54' N
Long. 23° 58' W

Monday November 21

In the afternoon early part of the morning we caught a fine breeze and sailed down to Port Praya in fine style. Just as we were coming in we saw the French frigate beating on and off her cap being on shore getting fuel for his men. After a good deal of bustling the boat was at anchor and we went on shore. The first thing that met my eye was a great big bigger clothed in flesh lights, that is he was as naked as when he came into the world. The people here as far as I can judge are a poor miserable half starved half clothed half fed half man half a ligature set of thieves rascals. There are great quantities of all sorts of fruits such as Melons Lemons Oranges nuts of all kinds which they will barter for anything in the shape of food or clothed. The wind is blowing strong. The William Thompson beats every thing