

Journal of Ship William Thompson

in the sailing line as yet we have
about 4000 oranges and are now
getting ready to go on board and
bid fare well to this loathsome
Island. Latitude 14 50 N
and the Chronometer 8 miles to W. Longitude 23 36 W

Tuesday November 22

Captain Raymond
came on board to drink tea
this evening he was very much pleased
with the Cabin and Ship, thinks
the Amethyst will beat us
Benighted man how little he
knows of the power of Bill Thompson
he is now astir of us about
thirteen miles he has Royals set we
have none he poor man means
his old tub which he will suffer
for at the pumps when we are out
of sight some 100 strokes per minute
the two Royal he strikes he flutters
he quivers he dies his out of sight
well there is no help for his part
the Dearest Friends must part
Sp. Key weather blowing a fine
breeze from the N.E. going about
8 knots, always something to do
up and an Old Mist. Top sail
and stored away all our oranges

Latitude 12 11 N
Longitude 23 18 W
Wednesday
Thursday N. 23

Strong breeze from
N.E. going ten knots full. The
unfortunate Amethyst is out of
sight, God Old Bill Thompson
your a chip of the Old Block
And no mistake Our Malic spoke
of Luke Chain and something
about. I wish I knew
but might do now but I
did not think this morning

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There has been nothing done but the
Oranges from daylight till dark there
has been considerable damage done
among the 4000 It was not like
feeding the Muescade where there were
ten baskets of fragments left. In
this instance there was nothing
left but the pul and very little of
that. We have just luffed up and are
now beating for the poor Amethyst
it is a very hard to run a ship almost
out of sight and then have to beat
to windward to find her. But we
wonder to come, not to Grinnon
or come the Guiniff as we New Yorkers
say but to get all we can in the
sailing and drinking line and as
much information about our
friends affairs as possible that
is what we call a Game at sea,

Longitude 23 6 W
Latitude 9 34 N

Thursday November 24

Went out full
so strong as yesterday morning
about 9 knots unpleasant
weather, rainy & foggy, wind changing
we are about losing the trade
winds, expect to beat in all
directions for four or five days
at least now that we have left
the Islands, and all expectations
are at an end, the next land
which is Cape Horn is all the
talk now and will be until
we get there, the Amethyst is
in sight yet, the weather very
warm this afternoon

Latitude 8 50 N
Longitude 23 00 W