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Tuesday March 24th  
Light breezes from N.W. East then  
W. West & N.W. West at 6 AM set  
Smoking Sails very heavy swell from  
North  
Lat by Obs 37 27 N  
Long by Chr 79 14 W

Wednesday March 25th  
Strong breezes from S.E.  
Sailing N by West Satter part S.E. wind  
Lat by Obs 39 31 N  
Long by Chr 78 14 W

Thursday March 26th  
Strong breezes from  
S.W. West with heavy rain became W. West  
at 11 AM the wind changed suddenly to  
the N.W. West in top Satter Sails and  
Sailing Sails  
Lat by Obs 36 41 N  
Long by Chr 78 35 W

Friday March 27th  
Light Breezes from  
N.W. West and S.E. West at 5 AM a  
Woodpecker flew on Board, at sunset the  
poor thing left us and went out of sight  
to the Westward at 7 PM the wind changed  
to the W.S. West with a fine breeze during  
the night at daylight it hauled to the S.W.  
again saw a Bird flying South  
Temp of Water 65  
Lat by Obs 33 26 N  
Long by Chr 78 47 W

Saturday March 28th  
Beautiful weather  
at 3 PM the wind hauled to the S. West  
Set the Satter Sails Steering N by West  
at 7 PM Black Clouds rising in the N. West accom-  
panied with sharp lightning and heavy thunder  
look in all Sails except Main top Sails and fore  
Sails at 10 PM the squall passed over raining  
and blowing very heavily latter part fresh breeze  
from N.W. West and pleasant weather saw two Ships  
Lat by Obs 34 34 N  
Temperature of Sea 64 Long by Chr 78 52 W

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Sunday March 29th  
Becomes Moderate breeze from  
N.W. West and very fine weather at 15 Minutes P.M.  
Spoke Ship Defence of Liverpool from Savannah  
Bound to Liverpool, Her Longitude 70.25 W, and  
70.45 N. at daybreak had some squall from West  
accompanied with thunder and lightning afterwards  
Calm with a moderate Cross Sea on, the Sea  
Boiled as usual and astern, at the same time  
at Noon South weather Lat by Obs 35 53 N  
Long by Chr 78 52 W  
at Noon - Temperature of Sea Water 67.

Monday March 30th  
Commenced Moderate breezes  
from S.W. E. and fine weather at sunset Black  
Clouds rising to the W. West look in the small  
Sails, at 6 PM temperature of Sea 67, at 7 PM  
temp of sea 71, at 8 PM 72. Suppose we have  
Entered the Florida Stream at 9 PM wind  
hauling gradually around to South with  
heavy thunder and sharp lightning doubtless  
crossed the topalls at 1 PM heavy Gale from  
S.W. at 2 PM Calm for a few moments  
then took a Gale from N.W. E. Breezes  
around the vessels and stood to the  
N.W. West at daylight temp of Sea 72  
latter part fresh breezes and cloudy weather  
at Noon temp of Sea 72

Tuesday March 31st  
Moderate breezes from N.W. East at 1 PM  
Set all Sails at 2 PM tried the temperature of Water  
and found it 69 at 4 PM tried it again and  
found it had decreased four degrees in 65  
at 6 PM tried the thermometer again and found  
it down to 62. During the afternoon the ship  
has been sailing on a N.W. by W. Course at  
the rate of three knots per hour, saw some  
heavy ripples very Moderate during the night  
at daylight tried the temperature and found it 62