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Sp. Brig. Barbarita

March Friday 5th Fresh gales and frequent squalls of wind and rain.

The wind inclining to the N.E.

True Course S 78° E Variation 1° 30' E Lat N 28° 40' Long W 65° 14'

Saturday 6th Moderate breeze from N.E. to E.S.E. and pleasant weather.

True Course S 56° E Variation 0° 45' E Lat N 27° 52' Long W 63° 52'

Sunday 7th A serene sky and fair weather. The winds light and fell

pouring down his rays with uncomfortable heat, which makes old Time hang heavily. We have at this time got

as well regulated, as the room we have will permit. The

Captain has his lodgings in a small coach house or cuddy

on the Starboard side the deck abaft, and the first offi-

in another one opposite, on the larboard side. Don Andres

has a cot slung under the sky-light of the trunk and

the 2^d & 3^d mate and boatswain make their beds on the

cabin floor and for myself I spread my mattress upon

the trunk, and sleep as undisturbed as if on a bed of down.

The above named constitute the Cabin crew. The

Steward Mess and the 2^d Boatswain, Armorer & Carpenter.

True Course N 25° E Variation Lat N 29° 15' Long W 63° 13'

Monday 8th Fresh breezes from S.W. to South with flying clouds.

True Course N 62° E Variation 0° 45' E Lat N 30° 00' Long W 61° 31'

Tuesday 9th Fresh breezes from the Southward and flying clouds the

first 18 hours and the remaining 6 cloudy with thick mist.

True Course E 50° E Variation 1° 50' W Lat N 30° 13' Long W 59° 04'

Wednesday 10th Fresh gales from S.W. to N.W. and disagreeable weather.

True Course East Variation 2° W Lat N 30° 13' Long W 56° 18'

Thursday 11th A clear atmosphere and pleasant weather. Wind S.W. to N.E.

True Course E 1° E Variation 3° W Lat N 30° 11' Long W 53° 17'

Friday 12th A smooth sea and fair weather. The wind from N.E. to S.E.

True Course S 75° E Variation 4° W Lat N 31° 15' Long W 51° 49'

Saturday 13th A clear atmosphere and strong breeze. The first part

the wind from S.W. to E.S.E. & latter part from E.S.E. I find

that although having a knowledge of Latin & Greek tales,

and some few Spanish words & phrases, I am in ignorance as yet

in Spanish. True Course N 57° E Variation 1° 45' W Lat N 30° 36' Long W 50° 54'

passage to Africa.

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March Sunday 14th Fair weather, brisk breeze and flying clouds. Being now

well initiated in a new scene, I will give a little description

of our fare. In the first place the personage who superintends

the cooking, is styled the Major. Some, who is a tall, stout made,

good natured Castilian. His business is to prepare the different

dishes, have an eye to every thing pertaining to the Cabin, and

is Captain General, Commander in Chief of the Galley. Under him

as working cook, is a thick set, thick lipped, curly headed,

lump of stupidity, and in my imagination, the complete counter-

part of Shakespeare's Caliban. The next is a lad of about

17 as Cabin boy, who waits upon the table, cleans the tumblers

scours knives, forks and spoons, and other wee jobs, and is like

most boys of his office, inclined to be roguish. The next is

Mesa a servant of Don Andres who also assists in waiting

on the table. Having introduced these persons of consequence,

the next thing to know is what proceeds from their operations.

Well then, At day break the Major summons the Cook to

repair to the Galley, and kindle a fire, which having done,

the water is put on to boil, and by sunrise those ^{who} on deck

have their strong Coffee and sea bread & butter. The Coffee

is kept hot, and handed to the others, as they come on deck

between that and eight o'clock. At this hour the crew who

are divided in two Messes, each send one to the Galley for

their allowance, with a large tin and bread basket. The

latter is put two junk bottles aquadiente; beside a tin pot of coffee

is allowed each man. Their breakfast is either meat & rice,

peas, beans or lobscouse, and no allowance of bread or water.

At 9 the Cabin & Steward Messes are waited upon, each

separately, with always something to please the taste of any

one, who is not too nice. Delicacies occasionally, such as

preserved meats, fish or two junk bottles Catalonia Wine

to the Cabin and one to the Steward Mess, each meal. In the

cabin locker, and Decanting of Spirits, Brandy, Gin & Cordial

which any of the Cabin Mess, can make use of at pleasure,

but very little of these liquors are touched, as only the Captain