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Spt Brig Barbara

- Tuesday March 23 A clear atmosphere with passing fleecy clouds and a fine breeze from the N.W. and N.E. Sail set to the best advantage by the wind, and the vessel moving smoothly along. True Course S 71 E Variation 10 W Lat N 26 00 Long W 33 59
- Wednesday 24 First part gentle breezes and fair weather. During the night some light squalls and cloudy weather. At 11 P.M. passed a Ship, standing by the wind to the North & West. At 7 A.M. saw a Brig to leeward, on the same course. The wind from North and N.E. and latter part pleasant. True Course S 80 E Variation 10 30 W Lat N 25 39 Long W 36 13
- Thursday 25 Gentle gales from N.W. & N.E. and fair weather. All sail set to the breeze, having a few wind and steering sails set for the first time, having before been beating to the Eastward. True Course S 20 E Variation 11 W Lat N 25 47 Long W 33 55
- Friday 26 Light breezes from North to N.W. and warm pleasant weather. True Course S 21 E Variation 12 15 W Lat N 24 15 Long W 32 43
- Saturday 27 Light winds and calms and warm pleasant weather with a clear sky and horizon. Employ my time in endeavoring to learn Spanish in which I am assisted by Don Andres & as Capt. Felix can speak about as much English as I can Spanish, we endeavor to learn each others tongue. True Course S 22 E Variation 13 30 W Lat N 23 09 Long W 31 44
- Sunday 28 Clear atmosphere, pleasant weather and gentle breezes. True Course S 54 E Variation 14 W Lat N 22 27 Long W 30 12
- Monday 29 Clear atmosphere, smooth sea and fine North W. & N.E. by breezes. At 1 P.M. saw a Ship steering about N.W. The sky overcast with light clouds at night. At 7 A.M. saw a Brig steering about N.W. Latter part light winds & pleasant weather. True Course S 56 E Variation 14 16 W Lat N 21 15 Long W 28 35
- Tuesday 30 For the most part of these 24 hours the sky overcast, the weather unsettled, and the winds unsteady, the most of the time brisk breezes. At 4 P.M. saw a Ship steering about N.W. True Course S 58 E Variation 15 W Lat N 19 30 Long W 27 07
- Wednesday 31 Stormy breezes from N.E. & E. flying clouds & fair weather. True Course S 34 E Variation 16 W Lat N 18 03 Long W 26 07

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passage to Africa.

- April 1 Thursday Commences fair weather and fresh breezes. At night more moderate. Observed strong rippings on the surface of the water. At daybreak saw the land bearing E.S.E. being the Island of Saint Anthony one of the Cape Verde Islands. At 2 A.M. the Northernmost part of the Island bore by Compass N 8 E and the Southernmost part E 1/2 S for 6 leagues distant. The True Course made since yesterday noon S 37 E, 99 miles distance, which proves the Longitude near correct, as St. Anthony lies in 25 08 W. Long. Saw the adjacent Islands viz St. Vincent, St. Lucia and St. Nicholas. Observed at noon in North Latitude 16 41 and the South part of St. Anthony bore N 64 E by Compass. Variation 15 W
- Friday 2 Brisk breezes and pleasant weather. At sundown lost sight of the aforementioned Islands. At 10 A.M. saw the Island of Brava and Fogo bearing Eastward. The Cape Verde Islands are all very high, and Fogo appears one third higher than the highest Island in the West Indies, which is St. Christopher. It is really a magnificent spectacle, to behold these huge lumps of earth, towering to the skies, placed amid the vast expanse of water, under a canopy, bounded by the horizon of sea & sky, and the grateful heart in silence adores the wise Providence that has permitted his eyes to behold again the terra-firma. At noon the Island of Brava bore N 66 E by Compass 6 leagues distant from which I take a fresh departure. Variation 15 W Lat N 14 40 Long W 24 58
- Saturday 3 Commences with light puffs of wind and calms. The Sea in great commotion caused by the rippings of a current which makes a deafening noise and knocks the vessel about like boiling apple dumplings. At Sunset the bearings and distance not materially altered since my departure was taken. The Island of Brava & Fogo in sight at dusk, but no land to be seen in the morning. During the night and remainder of the 24 hours, light winds, smooth sea and pleasant weather. The next land I expect to see will be the shores of Africa. Variation 15 30 W Lat N 13 53 Long W 24 24