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Spt Brig Barbarita

Tuesday
April 27

Commences a moderate breeze and pleasant weather. Flood in North for the land and find there is a current setting full 3 knots to the Eastward as we pass along the land nearly as fast as we approach it, steering direct for it at the rate of about 4 knots per hour. At 3 P.M. saw Elmina Castle, and town. Saw a Brig to the S.E. At 5 P.M. the Castle bore N.E. & per Compass 5 miles distant and the soundings 11 fathoms. Although I have been here but once before, and that time five years since, and I am invalid, the appearance is as fresh in my memory, as if I had only absented myself five days, and I have pointed out to Don Andres the windows of the room I occupied while sick at the castle. At 7 P.M. anchored in 11 1/2 fathoms, Cape Coast Castle bearing N.E. and Elmina Castle N.W. & per Compass. At 8 P.M. a canoe came from shore and at 9 P.M. Don Andres and Capt. Selu went on shore, in it. There are 3 Schooners lying near the castle, and the Brig we saw yesterday about a mile to leeward. I now continue the day by civil computation, and end this, at midnight, which will make 36 hours for this days remarks. Found good fishing, and caught plenty of fine fish. A number of Canoes from Elmina & Cape Coast came alongside in the course of the day. In one from Elmina was a brother of Mr Bartely who I recollect of having seen when at Elmina before. Also a black man by name of Peter Plank who was once in Providence with Capt. Dailey. He says Capt. Chase in the Brig Tromp of Providence left Elmina 29 days since for Monrovia. The canoe in which Don Andres and Capt. Selu went on shore came twice with messages and returned the first time carrying goods sent for, and the second saying they should remain on shore the night. One of the Schooners sailed for leeward. Ends with light breeze and lightning around the horizon.

on the coast of Africa.

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Light breeze and very warm sultry weather. At daylight weighed anchor and made sail with the topsails & anchored off Cape Coast, the Port bearing North per Compass 2 miles distant. Took on board some cashes cornies & other articles and delivered goods to canoes per order. At 5 P.M. Capt. Selu, Don Andres and Mr Hutchinson of Annamaboe came on board, when we got under weigh, firing a Salute of 5 Guns and dropping and setting all sail at the first of the first gun. The Salute was answered at the fort with an equal number. At 1/2 past 9 P.M. anchored off a small settlement called Annamaboe where is a small square white fort near the beach and a little to the Eastward an old Dutch fort on the hill back from the beach. The English fort bears North per Compass 2 miles and the Dutch fort N.E. & 3 miles distant. A Canoe came off immediately after anchoring and the Captain, Don Andres and Mr Hutchinson went on shore. Midnight the Schooner Fairy Queen of London from Cape Coast anchored here. The Sch. lying here that left yesterday. Ends calm and the current setting Eastwardly 2 to 3 knots.

Thursday 29 Warm pleasant weather. Several Canoes passed & repassed during the day between the shore and vessel, taking goods on shore and bringing off others. At 6 P.M. the Captain and Don Andres came on board and at 8 P.M. weighed anchor and made sail down the coast in company with Sch. Fairy Queen. A small current running & nearly calm.

Friday 30 Commences light air and calms. At daylight the Fort at Annamaboe in sight about 10 miles distant. Saw an hermaphrodite Brig close under the land beating up the coast. At 8 A.M. fired a Gun to windward and set our colors, when theirs were hoisted soon after, which were English. The ~~coast~~ ^{land} ~~along~~ ^{the coast} from Cape Coast Castle, is moderately high, and shows several hills back, some nearly in the form of a cone and some their sides more angling. Back of Annamaboe are to be seen the Carmathan Mountains a long distance in the interior country.